



SUBJECT: Requirements for automobile transporter configurations operating in British Columbia.

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PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

The purpose of this circular is to provide clarification of BC's policies regarding automobile transporters operating in BC. Loaded **stinger steered** automobile carriers with an underslung fifth wheel continue to receive the weights and dimensions laid out in chapter 5 [section 5.3.11](#) of the Commercial Transport Procedures Manual.

Example of a Stinger Steered Automobile Carrier:



AMENDMENT AND CLARIFICATION:

Other transport configurations such as high mounted automobile carriers **do not** receive the same allowances as the stinger steered transporters from [section 5.3.11](#). Non-stinger-steered tractor/semi-trailer combinations must obtain a permit based on the criteria listed in the reducible load policy from **chapter 4** [section 4.2](#) from the Commercial Transport Procedures Manual.

Effective immediately, this will also include a **1 metre maximum front projection from the bumper**. This new allowance will be reflected accordingly in the next round of revisions for the Commercial Transport Procedures Manual.

Note that per the general conditions of the Reducible Load Policy ([4.2.3.ii](#)) an object shall not extend beyond the end of the deck of a truck or trailer, or the end support points, by more than one third of the length of the object.

Example of a Non-Stinger-Steered Tractor/Semi-trailer Combination:



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