



SUBJECT: Clarification of Dimensional Requirements for Pony and Full Trailers Under 10,000 kg GVWR

Table with 3 columns: Managers, Victoria; Regional CVSE Managers; Area Vehicle Inspectors; Deputy Director, CVSE; ADM, Highways Department; Passenger Transportation Board; Trucking Industry; Carrier Safety Inspectors; Government Agents; Law Enforcement Agencies; Commercial Transport Insp. (Inspection Stations); ICBC

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To clarify dimensional requirements for pony and full trailers with manufacturers' ratings less than 10,000 kg.

Appendix E (Pony Trailer Combinations) and Appendix F (Full Trailer Combinations) of the Commercial Transport Regulations (CTR) both contain this note:

"*Dimensional limits on the [pony or full] trailer are not applicable when the [pony or full] trailer has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) less than 10,000 kg."

This note should not be taken to mean that there are no dimensional limits on these vehicles, as other sections of the CTR and the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR) that govern width, length, height and rear overhang are all still applicable.

In practice, this means that pony and full trailers with manufacturers' ratings less than 10,000 kg are exempt from the dimensional limits shown in Appendices A, E and F for wheelbase, interaxle spacing, axle spread, axle track width, and effective rear overhang.

However, the following maximum dimensions still apply:

- Overall height: 4.15 m
Overall width: 2.6 m
Trailer length (with drawbar): 12.5 m
Overall combination length: 20.0 m
Effective rear overhang: 4.5 m from last axle or 1.85 m from the back of the vehicle

There are some items that do not need to be included in the measurement of height, width and length, described in sections 7.05(2), 7.06(c) and 7.08(6)(b) of the CTR, and those sections should be deemed to also apply to the light pony and full trailers. Typically, the exempted items from these sections are auxiliary equipment or devices that are not designed or used to carry cargo.

Note that a 3-vehicle combination consisting of a motor vehicle, a towing dolly and a licensed motor vehicle, one axle of which is carried by the towing dolly, as described in 7.18(2) is deemed to be a

full trailer combination, and that, if the manufacturer's rating on the motor vehicle is less than 10,000 kg, the dimension clarification from this Circular applies to that combination.

BACKGROUND

Sections 7.05, 7.06, and 7.08(6) CTR and Section 19.02(3) MVAR apply to these lighter pony and full trailers even though they are exempt from dimensional limits of Appendix E and Appendix F CTR.

The Federal-Provincial-Territorial Memorandum of Understanding on Interprovincial Weights and Dimensions is also undergoing clarification on application of this exemption as it applies to pony trailers.

There may be some pony and full trailers operating in British Columbia that are not compliant with the maximum dimensions for overall height, overall width, trailer length, overall combination length and/or effective rear overhang. Owners of these vehicles who can provide proof that the vehicle was purchased prior to December 31, 2019 may apply to Commercial.Transport@gov.bc.ca for authorization to obtain oversize permits for their non-compliant trailers. Trailers purchased after December 31, 2019 must be compliant with the maximum dimensions as clarified in this Circular.

For additional information or questions please contact Commercial.Transport@gov.bc.ca.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Lansing".

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