



SUBJECT: Introduction of Extended Length Semi-Trailers

Regional CVSE Managers Law Enforcement Agencies BC MoT Bridge Branch
Commercial Transport Insp. BC Fire Departments BC Municipalities
(Inspection Stations)

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To notify staff and industry that CVSE has concluded a successful review and trial period for the operation of extended length semi-trailer combinations under permit in BC.

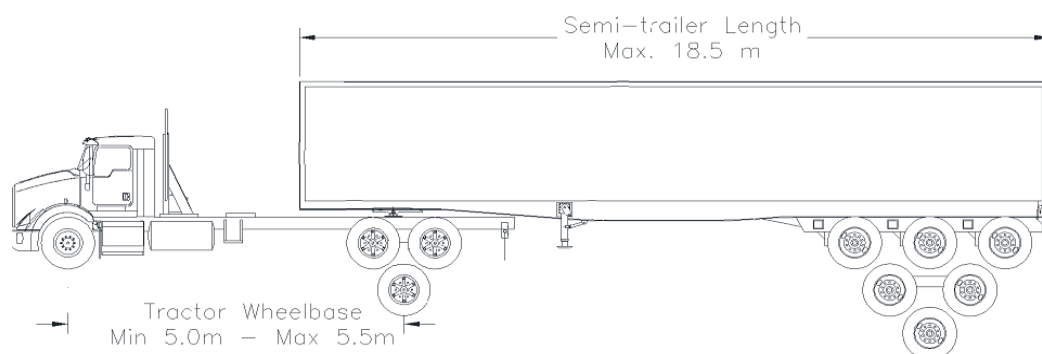
This extended semi-trailer length allowance gives carriers the benefit of transporting an increased amount of light-weight freight with fewer loads, while easing the congestion on our infrastructure and supporting a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Extended Length Semi-Trailers:

Single trip or term permits may be issued to operate tractor-semi-trailer combinations that include extended length semi-trailers with the following conditions:

- Semi-trailer maximum length extended to 18.5 m,
- Legal semi-trailer wheelbase (12.5 m) and rear projection (35% of wheelbase), and
- Tractor wheelbase minimum 5.0 m and maximum 5.5 m (single steer, single or tandem drive tractors only)
- Legal overall length for the combination (23 m).

EXTENDED LENGTH TRACTOR SEMI-TRAILER COMBINATION



Permits for these dimensions are only issued for tractors and semi-trailers that in combination meet the above conditions; overweight permits are not available to these combinations.

A new permit policy for these extended length semi-trailer combinations can be found in **Section 5.3.7.F**, [Chapter 5](#) of the Commercial Transport Procedures Manual.

Owners of these vehicles can contact the Provincial Permit Centre at **1-800-559-9688** for permits. Questions about the new policy can be directed to Commercial.Transport@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jan Lansing", written in a cursive style.

Jan Lansing
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