



SUBJECT: Clarification of Permit Policy for the Movement of Empty Storage Tanks

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PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To provide clarification that permits may be issued for the movement of semi-trailers with permanently attached storage tanks up to the weights and dimensions found in Section 5.3.4.A, [Chapter 5](#), of the Commercial Transport Procedures Manual, provided that the tanks have been drained to an empty state for travel.

BACKGROUND

Section 5.3.4.A addresses 'Fixed Equipment on Own Axles Operating as Semi-Trailers'.

'Fixed Equipment' typically refers to vehicles that have been built or modified to permanently carry the equipment necessary to perform a service, not to carry loads.

In this case, the tanks on these trailers are not used to move liquids or gases. Instead they are moved empty and located at industrial sites for the temporary storage of liquids or gases.

Tanks containing any type or amount of load are not included in this policy.

This clarification will be added to the Commercial Transport Procedures Manual in due course.

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