

## **COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR**

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## **SUBJECT:** Introduction of the Project Cargo Corridor Pilot

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 advise that applications are now being accepted for permits to travel between two major Lower Mainland ports (Fraser Surrey Docks and Lynnterm East Gate) and the Alberta border at Highway 16, piloting a series of new, pre-approved permit corridors that offer a two business day turnaround time from application to approval to obtain permits.

Maximum overall dimensions for loads using this pilot are **4.88 m high**, **5.0 m wide** and **45 to 50 m** long (pre-approved length varies by vehicle configuration and route). Available gross vehicle combination weights range up to approximately **125,000 kg**. Fourteen **8–13 axle** configurations have been pre-approved for travel on the new corridors; with controlled interaxle spacings and axle spreads.

Where travel on roads under municipal jurisdiction is necessary, either to exit/enter the ports or to accommodate loads that are too tall to remain on provincial infrastructure through the Lower Mainland, authorities from City of Abbotsford, City of Burnaby, City of Langley, Township of Langley, District of North Vancouver, City of Surrey and City of Vancouver have also agreed to participate in these two business day permit approvals, using one common application form.

## BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Transportation has worked together with the BC Trucking Association, major Lower Mainland ports, several major carrier companies and the municipalities listed in the above paragraph to develop these corridors, which will help simplify the permit approval process, save time and increase confidence for carriers and shippers.

Please refer to the <u>Project Cargo Corridors</u> website for more information.

For other vehicle combinations on the same routes, or for variations to the pre-approved routes including changes to start or end points, please use the <a href="Extraordinary Load Approval">Extraordinary Load Approval</a> process and contact the appropriate municipalities directly.

We expect the pilot to continue for six to twelve months, or until enough permits have been issued on the corridors to properly assess the effectiveness of the corridors and the approval process.

If you have questions or would like guidance with the new website, please contact our Commercial Transport Policy Advisors at <a href="mailto:Commercial.Transport@gov.bc.ca">Commercial.Transport@gov.bc.ca</a> or (250) 953-4017, or Jan Lansing, Manager Commercial Transport, at <a href="mailto:Jan.Lansing@gov.bc.ca">Jan.Lansing@gov.bc.ca</a>.

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