



Transportation Permits Policy Memorandum

Subject: Unladen Extralegal Semi-trailers and Extralegal Semi-trailers with Non-qualifying Loads

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Objectives

This policy will:

- define “unladen extralegal semi-trailer” and “non-qualifying load”
- specify the scenarios under which permits will be approved for these vehicles

Existing Documentation

The following sources contains information related to this subject:

California Vehicle Code

Section 320.5

An “extralegal load” is a single unit or an assembled item which, due to its design, cannot be reasonably reduced or dismantled in size or weight so that it can legally transported as a load without a permit as required by Section 35780.

Section 35780

The Department of Transportation or local authorities, with respect to highways under their respective jurisdictions, may at their discretion upon application and if good cause appears, issue a special permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this code.

Transportation Permits Manual (TPM)

Chapter 1 – General Provisions Relating to Oversize/Overweight Transportation Permits

Section 104.1 – Permit Denials

Applications for transportation permits will be denied under the following conditions unless authorized by Headquarters:

104.1.3 The load does not justify the size of vehicle.

Transportation Permit Manual Changes

- 1) Change Section 104.1.3 as follows:

The load does not justify the size of the vehicle combination. See Section 111 for more information.

- 2) Insert the following new sections:

913.1 Non-qualifying Load

A "non-qualifying load" is any load that either does not comply with CVC 320.5 or does not justify the size of the vehicle combination. STAA vehicles on non-STAA routes without a load to justify the vehicle combination are illegal on the non-STAA route.

920.1.1 Unladen Extralegal Semi-trailer

An "unladen extralegal semi-trailer" is any unladen semi-trailer that exceeds legal dimensions as specified in the California Vehicle Code. Unladen STAA vehicles on non-STAA routes are illegal on the non-STAA route. (See Section 111 for exceptions.)

111 Unladen Extralegal Semi-trailers and Semi-trailers with Non-qualifying Loads

The Department will issue single trip and repetitive permits from Point A (origin) to Point B (destination) for unladen extralegal semi-trailers and semi-trailers with non-qualifying loads under the following conditions:

- The transporter is planning to deliver or has delivered a qualifying load to Point A (origin).

--or--

- The transporter is picking up a qualifying load at Point B (destination).

--or--

- Trailers designed to haul specialized loads will be given a permit for a non-qualifying load of the type that the trailer is designed for, or for an unladen vehicle from Point A (origin) to Point B (destination), only if hauling a qualifying load that the trailer was designed for on one leg of their move.
- STAA vehicles will not be considered for this exception, unless the load they will carry can not be hauled on a California legal vehicle.

The applicant must submit with the permit application a valid permit confirming that one of the above conditions has been or will be satisfied.

See Section 112 for procedures for vehicles travelling without a valid permit.

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