



# Transportation Permits Policy Memorandum

**Subject:** Annual Permits for Overweight Intermodal Cargo Containers  
(Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach Heavy Container Corridors)  
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**Policy:** TPPM 2017-01  
**Reference:** CTPAC WG7-031717-001

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## Objective

This memorandum amends the administration of, and the axle and gross vehicle weight limits for, overweight intermodal cargo container transportation permits for travel on the State Highway System in the vicinity of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach as described by the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 35700.5. The permit conditions will be clearly documented in the Transportation Permits Manual (TPM).

## Background

Overweight intermodal cargo container permit vehicles are allowed maximum axle and gross vehicle weight (GVW) provided by CVC Sections 35700.5 and 35551. Whenever axle weights and/or gross weight exceed the limits authorized in Section 35551, Section 35700.5 states weight limits shall be determined by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The maximum gross weight limit of vehicles and loads shall not exceed 95,000 pounds GVW.

## Existing Documentation

California Vehicle Code Sections 35551 and 35700.5

## Transportation Permit Manual Changes

1. Add Section 202.39 as follows:

202.39 INTERMODAL CARGO CONTAINER ANNUAL PERMIT: Used to transport intermodal cargo containers that are moving in international commerce, in accordance with CVC Section 35700.5.

- Permit equipment is defined as a seven axle vehicle combination comprised of a 4-axle tractor, 3-axle intermodal chassis trailer. Maximum gross vehicle weight is 95,000 pounds.
- 4-axle tractors, when used to transport the intermodal containers, are exempt from Caltrans Transportation Permits vehicle inspection requirement.
- If equipped with a lift axle, 4-axle tractors are exempt from Caltrans Transportation Permits common suspension and equal weight distribution lift axle requirements.
- Axle spacings and maximum weights are as indicated in Figure 202.39.
- Exempt from all interior vehicle bridge weights and from all overall vehicle bridge weight limits as specified in CVC Sections 35551(a) and 35551.5.
- Annual indicia sticker is required.

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Width: Legal per CVC 35100

Length: Legal per CVC 35401

Height: 14'0" (Legal)

KPRA: 40'0" max

Weight: See Figure 202.39

Travel Limits: Travel is restricted to state highways in the vicinity of the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach as follows.

On the 2.9-mile portion of State Route 47 and State Route 103 known as the Terminal Island Freeway, between State Highway Route 1 in the City of Long Beach and Ocean Boulevard in the City of Long Beach, and on the 2.4-mile portion of State Highway Route 1, that is between Sanford Avenue in the City of Los Angeles and Harbor Avenue in the City of Long Beach.

2. Add Figure 202.39, Intermodal Cargo Container Permit Vehicle - Allowable Axle and GVW as shown on page 3.



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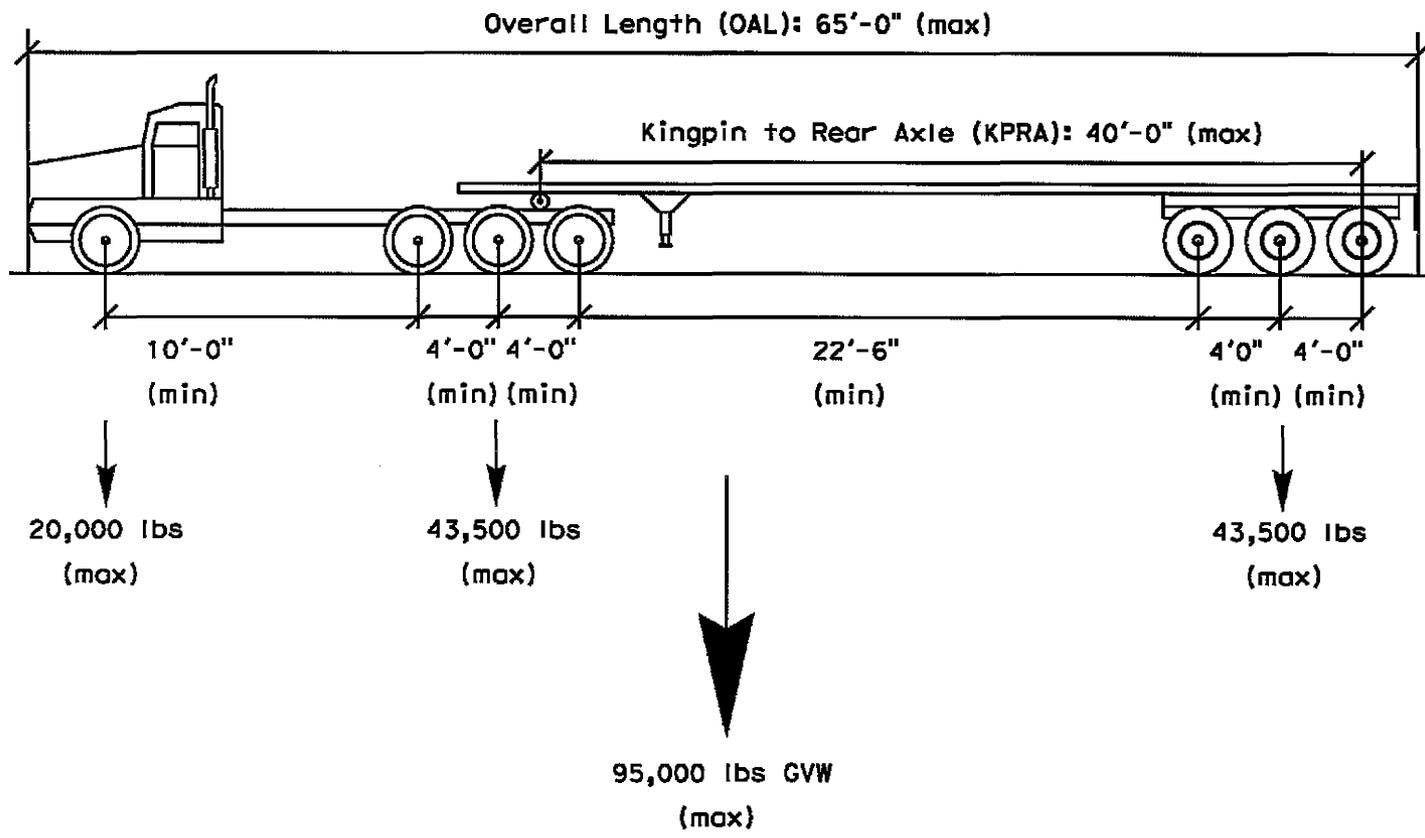


Figure 202.39 Overweight Intermodal Cargo Container Permit Vehicle – Allowable Axle and Gross Vehicle Weights

**ALLOWABLE AXLE AND GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHTS** Maximum weights and dimensions for the sole permitted transport of intermodal cargo containers that are moving in international commerce on state highways as provided in California Vehicle Code Sections 35551, 35700.5. Permit equipment is defined as a seven axle vehicle combination comprised of a 4-axle tractor, 3-axle intermodal chassis trailer with dimensions and weights as indicated above. Permit equipment is exempt from all interior vehicle bridge weights and overall vehicle bridge weight limits as specified in California Vehicle Code Sections 35551(a) and 35551.5. 4-axle tractors are exempt from Caltrans Transportation Permits vehicle inspection requirement. If equipped with a lift axle, 4-axle tractors are exempt from common suspension and equal weight distribution lift axle requirements. Annual indicia sticker is required.