Illinois Department of Transportation

SPECIAL VEHICLE MOVEMENT PERMIT PROVISIONS

PROVISION A - GENERAL PROVISIONS

READ YOUR PERMIT BEFORE STARTING YOUR MOVE: If you find the permit does not cover the move, is incorrect or in error, contact Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) prior to starting the move. Undertaking the move is prima facie evidence of acceptance of the permit.

THIS FORM IS PART OF YOUR PERMIT: The conditions and restrictions listed in this form govern the movement of vehicles or objects authorized by a written permit issued by IDOT under Section 15-301, of The Illinois Vehicle Code (the Code). Movements must be made in strict compliance with all provisions found on the face of the permit, and all provisions found in OPER 993 form applying as if fully written on the issued permit. Specific provisions listed on the face of the permit take precedence over those listed in the form OPER 993.

CONDITIONS THAT APPLY: Form OPER 993 is available from IDOT or online at https://webapps.dot.illinois.gov/ITAP/ **and must be carried in the vehicle to which the permit applies.**
In case of conflict, the precedence shall be

(1) condition stated in detail in the short form permit,

(2) those stated under Provision “C”,

(3) those stated under Provision “B”, and

(4) those stated under Provision “A”.

PERMIT TO ACCOMPANY MOVEMENT: The driver of the vehicle shall have the permit, in written or electronic form, in their possession during the movement and shall show said permit, on demand, to any police officer or authorized employee of IDOT. The permit covers only the person or firm designated as permittee and is not transferable. Any State of Illinois employee or Police Officer involved in a stop of a permitted load will not be responsible for any damage to a personal or company electronic device, when said device is used to electronically present an issued Oversize/Overweight permit.

AGREEMENT: The acceptance of the permit by the permittee constitutes an agreement that the movement will be made strictly in compliance with the terms set forth in the permit and the applicable provisions of IDOT’s Policy Book available online at https://webapps.dot.illinois.gov/ITAP/

ASSIGNED PERMITTED ROUTE: The assigned permit route includes a distance of one mile onto another contiguous state jurisdiction highway provided that no structures are crossed, no posted weight limits are exceeded, oversize moves are not obstructed, all other provisions of the permit are followed, and the route is used for any of the following reasons: 1) To obtain fuel or repair. 2) To provide for food or rest for the driver. 3) To allow for a legal return to a permitted route after mistakenly going off the route. 4) To comply with regulatory signs to weigh.

AUTHORIZED TIMES OF MOVEMENT:

- Overweight permit loads with legal dimensions are authorized to move 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Oversize and/or Overweight permit loads with dimensions equal to or less than 12’ 0” wide, 13’ 6”’ high, 200’ long are authorized to move 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with one additional civilian escort when traveling during the hours of darkness.
- Oversize and/or Overweight permit loads with dimensions equal to or less than 14’ 6” wide, 15’ 0” high, 200’ long are authorized to move from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset, 7 days a week.
- Oversize and/or Overweight permit loads with dimensions equal to or less 16’ 0” wide, 17’ 0” high are authorized to move from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset Monday through Friday, and from ½ hour before sunrise until noon, Saturday (unless specified otherwise on the provision sheet or permit).

- Oversize and/or Overweight permit loads with dimensions greater than 200' long are authorized to move from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset Monday through Friday. No Saturday or Sunday movement is allowed (unless specified otherwise on the provision sheet or permit).

- Oversize and/or Overweight permit loads with dimensions greater than 16' 0" wide, 17' 0" high, are authorized to move from 9:00am CST to 3:00pm Monday through Friday. No Saturday or Sunday movement is allowed (unless specified otherwise on the provision sheet or permit).

- Oversize permit loads are further restricted on specific holidays and holiday weekends (see Holiday Office Closing/Permit Travel Restrictions under the Announcements on ITAP's home page https://webapps.dot.illinois.gov/ITAP/ for specific dates and times).

AXLE SPACINGS: The spacing requirements for all overweight loaded routine & superload permits, as well as all towed routine permits are as follows: the spacing between the steer axle & the first axle on the tractor tandem may not be less than 8' 1"; the spacing before the first axle of the trailer may not be less than 18' 6"; the sum of all axle spacings must be at least 43' 6". All towed permits that do not meet these minimum spacing requirements will be processed within IDOT as a superload permit.

CONTAINERS FOR INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING: To be considered a non-divisible load and eligible to be hauled under an IDOT OS/OW permit, a shipping container must be sealed for international shipment and in route for import or export to/from a foreign country. Upon request from law enforcement, the driver must present documentation, in written or electronic form, such as a bill of lading or manifest that specifically ties the container being moved to the container listed in the documentation through the unique container number (consists of 4 letters and 7 numbers). The documentation must also clearly state the foreign country destination or origin of that container. Failure to produce such documentation may result in the load being considered a divisible load and ineligible to be permitted by IDOT. As a result, the load is considered to be running without a permit and subject to be fined back to legal weight.

CONVOY MOVES PROHIBITED: Vehicles traveling under permit authority may not travel in convoys unless authorized by the Permit Office and traveling with an Illinois State Police escort. (Section 554.1245)

DISCLAIMER: Due to variations in length of vehicles, inclines, curve radii, and other road conditions and factors, IDOT does not guarantee, and the permittee cannot assume the posted height or width is adequate for the movement. It is also the sole responsibility of the permittee, when not in conformance with Section 5/11-1203(a) of the Code, to inspect all railroad grade crossings for clearance along the permitted route prior to a move. Said permittee assumes sole liability should posted height or width or railroad grade crossing clearances prove inadequate. IDOT may require indemnification from said permittee for any and all damages or claims incurred from inadequate clearance.

FLASHING OR ROTATING AMBER LIGHT: All loads must display an operable oscillating, rotating or flashing amber light(s) when moving under oversize/overweight permit authority. If the load blocks visibility of the amber light(s) from the rear, a light must be displayed at the rear of the vehicle.

HIGHWAY CONDITIONS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER: Moves shall not be made when highway is covered with snow or ice, or when visibility is unduly impaired by rain, snow, fog, smog, or at any time travel conditions are considered to be unsafe by the Illinois State Police (ISP). To view road conditions go to https://www.gettingaroundillinois.com and click on winter road conditions link. ISP may direct or escort a vehicle off the roadway to a place of safety.

JURISDICTION: The permit is effective only insofar as IDOT has jurisdiction and does not release the permittee from complying with other existing laws that may apply to the movement.

LEGAL HEIGHT MOVEMENTS: Permit authority is not required for the movement of vehicle(s), inclusive of load, not exceeding the legal height limitation of 13' 6", as established in Chapter 15 of the Code. Therefore, no action is taken by IDOT, either separately or in conjunction with authorizing an otherwise oversize or overweight movement, to ensure adequate clearance of structures for a vehicle(s), inclusive of load, not exceeding 13' 6" high.

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Owners and/or operators of escort vehicles or vehicles with oversize loads exceeding 10' 0" wide, 13' 6" high, 110' long or overweight must have in effect or be self-insured in the amount of $500,000 per occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage.

LOCATIONS WHERE PERMIT IS NOT VALID: The permit is not valid on any highway or bridge posted for a load limit less than the gross weight of the move, on any highway closed to traffic, and on any highway not maintained by IDOT. The right to use highways other than those specified is neither implied nor granted for non-state jurisdiction routes. The permittee must obtain permission from the proper local authority to use local streets or highways or from the Illinois Tollway if traveling over the Tollway.

NON-DIVISIBLE LOADS: Permits are only valid for non-divisible loads or vehicles, as defined in the Code. Multiple objects shall not be loaded in such a way that causes the legal weight, height, width, and length laws to be exceeded.

OVERWEIGHT MOVEMENTS: An overweight permit authorizes the movement of a vehicle or a reasonably disassembled single object loaded on a vehicle combination. The object may include an attachment; however, it must be securely mounted on the object being moved. The attachment may not be hauled as a separate object on the vehicle combination.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIABILITY: The permittee assumes all responsibility for injury to persons or damage to public or private property, including his own, caused directly or indirectly by the transportation of vehicles or vehicles and objects authorized under this permit. The permittee agrees to hold the State of Illinois harmless from all suits, claims, damages, or proceedings of any kind and to indemnify the State of Illinois for any claim it may be required to pay arising from the movement.

RESTRICTIONS IN CITY OF CHICAGO

- Central Business District (CBD) boundaries – Cermak Rd (2200 S) to the south, Division St. (1200 N) to the north, Halsted St. (800 W) to the west and Lake Michigan to the east.
- Contact the City of Chicago Permit Office for travel times on city-maintained routes both within and outside of the CBD bounded area.
- Travel Times on State Maintained routes both within and outside the CBD bounded area – See the **Authorized Times of Movement** section and/or Provision 9, if applicable, on this form.
- City of Chicago Permit Office – Contact should be made with the City of Chicago 312-744-4699 for all permitted loads traveling on any and all streets and highways, excluding expressways, within the city limits.

RESTRICTIONS IN COOK COUNTY:

- Cook County Expressways – Movement of loads exceeding 12’ 0” wide, 13’ 6” high, or 120,000 pounds or the own powered equivalent are **prohibited** on the expressways in Cook County except:
    - Int80 from Int57 east to the Indiana line, including portions of Int94 and Toll Road Int294
    - Int55 south of exit 277
    - Int57 south of US 6 (159th St.)
    - Int290 north of Toll Road Int294
- Own powered equivalents are: 4 or more axle vehicle up to 76,000 pounds gross; maximum 44,000 pounds on the front two axles, and a maximum of 44,000 pounds on the rear two or more axle tandem and 23,000 pounds per axle: or a 3 or more axle vehicle up to 68,000 pounds gross; maximum 21,000 pounds on the front axle, and a maximum of 48,000 pounds on a two or more axle tandem and 25,000 pounds per axle: or a 2 axle vehicle up to 48,000 pounds gross with no axle exceeding 25,000 pounds.
- Travel Times on State Maintained routes – See the **Authorized Times of Movement** section and/or Provision 9, if applicable, on this form.
- Cook County Permit Office – For permits within Cook County, excluding routes within the City of Chicago, call 312-603-1670.

RESTRICTIONS FOR ILLINOIS TOLL ROADS:
Prior to the movement beginning. Oversize/Overweight truck movements on or over Illinois Toll Roads require permission from the Illinois Toll Authority. Permits shall be obtained at:

- https://www.iltolltruckpermit.com; or
- By calling 630-241-6800 extension 4847

RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS: All movements made under authority of permits not specifying routes shall exercise due caution to prevent unauthorized use of any structure, highway, temporary route detour, runaround, or turnaround. Posted max width, height, speed, gross weight, or other restrictions shall be observed.

RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING MOVEMENT: Insofar as practicable, movements shall be confined to a single lane and shall be made in such a manner that the rest of the roadway will always be open, so the flow of other traffic will not unnecessarily be obstructed. Also, insofar as practicable, other traffic will be given the right-of-way over this movement. The driver shall remove the vehicle from the roadway when necessary to allow an accumulation of traffic to pass or when so directed by a police officer.

SPEED: Unless otherwise stated in the permit, the maximum speed for vehicles being operated under permit authority is 5 miles per hour under the maximum posted speed limit. Legal weight, legal height movements up to 10’ 0” wide can travel at the legal maximum speed limit.

STATE LINE BRIDGE RESTRICTIONS: All permit loads are bound by the state line bridge restrictions found on the Obstructions and Restrictions map found online at https://www.gettingaroundillinois.com/MapViewer/?config=OBSconfig.json.

PERMIT VIOLATIONS - A CLARIFICATION OF 625 ILCS 5/15-301(h)
When operating under authority of an oversize/overweight permit issued by the Department, the following list includes but is not limited to offenses that shall be considered a violation of permit but will not render the entire permit null and void:

A. Incorrect license number or state;

B. Incorrect make, model number, description and/or serial number;

C. Incorrect number of axles;

D. Gross, tandem, or single axle weights that are in excess of those permitted. In this case, the violator may be fined for the excess weight in addition to the violation of permit;

E. Incorrect width, length, and/or height of the permit load.

F. Axle spacings that are 12 inches greater than or less than axle spacings displayed on the permit;

G. Failure to comply with general conditions, specific provisions, and notes listed on the permit.

Under a violation of permit, the permittee shall either bring the permit load into conformance with the conditions of the permit or purchase a new permit before continuing. (Exception: Failure to comply with the general and specific provisions and notes pertaining to minimum axle spacing, as described on the permit application, and accompanying permit will be deemed fraudulent in accordance with Section 554.1700 of our online Policy Book.)

VOID PERMITS:

1. Fraudulent Permit. A fraudulent permit is one that is issued or transferred other than as provided in this Part or Section 15-301 of the Code. Example: A fake or counterfeit permit.

   AGENCY NOTE: A fraudulent permit under the Code is a strict liability offense which does not require the proof of intent.

2. Divisible Load. Permits issued for loads that are divisible are void at the time of issue and any movement made thereunder shall not be authorized.

3. Axle Spacings. A violation under Section 554.1700(a)(1)(F) shall void the permit if the axle spacings cannot be corrected.

UNPERMITTED MOVES:
A vehicle shall be deemed operating without a valid permit if:

1. The vehicle is off the assigned permitted route.

2. The vehicle is operating before the effective date or after the expiration date shown on the permit.

3. No permit was obtained from the Department.

WATERCRAFT CALL BEFORE YOU HAUL: If moving watercraft destined for any western state, the carrier shall contact Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) Call Before You Haul Hotline to make arrangements to have your watercraft inspected and if need be, decontaminated. This program aims to prevent aquatic invasive species spread. Toll-free number 1-844-311-4873 prior to hauling. Website: https://www.westernais.org/callbeforeyouhaul .

PROVISION B - OVERSIZE PROVISIONS

ESCORT VEHICLES:

- **One civilian escort** is required for all moves that 1) exceed 14' 6" wide, or 2) exceed 14' 6" high, or 3) exceed 110' long.

- **Two civilian escorts,** one in front of the load and one behind, are required for all moves that have a combination of two or more of the following dimensions: 1) exceed 14' 6" wide, or 2) exceed 14' 6" high, or 3) exceed 110' long.

- **Three civilian escorts** are required for all moves that 1) exceed 16' 0" wide, or 2) exceed 18' 0" high, or 3) exceed 145' long.

- **Illinois State Police escorts** are required for all moves that 1) exceed 18' 0" wide, or 2) exceed 18' 0" high, or 3) exceed 200' long, or 4) when deemed necessary after a bridge analysis or district investigation are completed and must be set up at least 24 working hours before moving with the Central Office at 217-782-6527.

- For all escort requirements see Sections 554.1235 and 554.1240 in the IDOT Permit Office Policy Book.

EXCEPTIONS TO LEGAL LIMITATIONS:

- **Length Limitation Exceptions**: Vehicles operated in the daytime, except on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, when transporting poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural nature that cannot readily be dismembered, provided the overall length of vehicle and load may not exceed 100' and no object exceeding 80' in length may be transported unless a permit has been obtained as authorized in Section 15-301 of the Code.

- **Width Limitation Exceptions**: 1) Loads of Hay, Straw or other similar farm products provided that the load is not more than 12' 0" wide. 2) Implements of Husbandry, as defined in the Code, being transported on another vehicle and the transported vehicle while loaded are exempt from width limitations.

HOUSE TRAILERS: The overall width of the house trailer includes doorknobs, awnings, or any other attachments. Based on the overall width of the house trailer, the minimum towing unit is:

- Over 8' 0" but not more than 10' 0" wide shall be at least a ¾ ton truck.

- Over 10' 0" wide but not more than 12' 0" wide and less than 115' long shall be at least a one-ton truck with dual wheels.

- Over 12' 0" wide shall be at least a two-ton truck with dual wheels. Movement of house trailers over 12' 0" wide is prohibited when wind gusts exceed 25 m.p.h.

OVERLENGTH OBJECTS: Movements of objects over 80' in length shall be equipped with two operating flashing amber lights – one over the cab of the vehicle; the other within 10' 0" of the rear of the object, mounted as high as practicable over it.

OVERSIZE LOAD SIGNS: OVERSIZE LOAD signs are mandatory on the front and rear of vehicles for loads over 10' 0" wide, or 14' 6" high, or 75' long.

RED FLAGS: The extremities of all oversize vehicles, vehicle combinations or loads, and all protruding objects shall be marked with clean red flags not less than 18" square.

PROVISION C - SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Check heights prior to move and use extreme caution when traveling under all structures, sign trusses, mast arms, span wires, etc. to ensure adequate clearance.

2. The permittee is responsible for assuring adequate clearance of all span wires, mast arms, and utility lines.

3. While crossing non-interstate structures, slow to 10 m.p.h.; keep all other traffic off; and use centerline of bridge on: (a) Bridges located _____.(b) All bridges.

4. To ensure the safety of other traffic; (a) One escort shall be provided. (b) Two escort vehicles shall be provided. A height pole shall be mounted on the lead vehicle. (c)_____ escort vehicles shall be provided. (d) One escort vehicle equipped with a height pole set three inches above permitted load height shall precede the load. (e) Three escort vehicles shall be provided; one escort shall precede the load and must be equipped with a height pole set three inches higher than the permitted height.

5. Booms and counterweights on cranes and similar construction equipment shall be adequately secured to prevent movement while in transit.

6. While crossing all interstate highway structures, hold minimum speed and maintain a 300' interval.

7. The permittee assumes sole responsibility for all damages to any overhead utility facility as a result of this movement.

8. The maximum speed, except on highways with a minimum posted speed, in which case the speed shall not be more than 5 m.p.h. above.the minimum posting, shall be _____m.p.h.

9. (a) Movement of objects greater than 14' 6" wide and up to and including 16' 0" wide are limited to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the following counties: Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, Madison, McHenry, Monroe, St. Clair, and Will. **In all other counties**, movement is allowed from one half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset Monday through Friday, and from one half hour before sunrise until noon on Saturday.

   (b) Movements of objects greater than 16' 0" wide and/or 17' 0" high are restricted to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday statewide.

10. Shoulders: Move shall be made only when shoulders of the pavement are dry and firm.

11. One or more ISP escorts shall be required. Notify ISP Central Office at 217-782-6527 at least 24 hours prior to move.

12. The permittee shall notify the IDOT District _____ Highway Engineer 24 hours prior to the movement. IDOT Districts' phone numbers can be found online at: https://idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/idot-regions.html. Written permission must be secured from the District Highway Engineer to trim trees, remove signs and traffic signals, or to perform other acts in preparation for making the movement.

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