

Implements of Husbandry – Phase II Overview

Overview: Draft recommendations and overview of the Phase II Report as of August 5, 2013:

- Clarify loH Definition:
 - Create a clearer, simpler definition of loH to reflect today’s agricultural equipment.
 - Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMV) used exclusively for agricultural operations are defined as an loH CMV
 - All IOH will be exempt from registration.
 - A self-certification will be available for loH CMVs.
- Create size limits or an “envelope” for loH:
 - Width envelope:
 - Width of loH – 15’ (feet); However, an loH greater than 15’ (feet), but no greater than 17’ (feet) may be operated without written authorization when the loH operator meets safety requirements to ensure safe passage by other road users.
 - Width of loH CMV – 10’ (feet).
 - Height envelope: Height of loH – 13’6” (feet/inches). An loH greater than 13’6” (feet/inches) may be operated without written authorization. The loH operator is responsible for ensuring safe clearance of any overhead obstructions.
 - Length envelope: 60’ (feet) for a single loH; 100’ (feet) for combinations of two loH; and 70’ (feet) for combinations of three loH.
- loH is given an expanded 15% weight allowance over the limits as established by the Federal Bridge Formula, except where posted and during periods of spring thaw. This equates to a maximum single axle weight of 23,000 pounds and a gross vehicle weight of 92,000 pounds. A new loH weight table will be created to (e.g. 348.30 reflect the 15% allowance based on gross vehicle weight, axle weight and spacing.
- Written authorization to exceed the size envelope and weight limits may be requested on an annual basis from the maintaining authority of that roadway. Written authorizations may only be granted when:
 - The operator is 18 years of age and holds a valid driver’s license.
 - loH meets lighting, marking, and safety requirements pertaining to loH in s. 347 (safety requirements).
 - A travel or route plan for the loH is submitted.

Additional conditions may be set by each maintaining authority (local or state) of which the loH is operating within the context of the written authorization.

- loH vehicles operating in excess of the 15% allowance will be fined for the amount in excess of standard gross motor vehicle weight or individual axle weight.
- Support exploration of best practices to assist in reducing the wear of roadways and structures. This includes supporting the development of emerging innovations and best practices in manure management.
- Develop a self-certification system for loH CMVs rather than a plate, sticker, or decal.
- WisDOT, DATCP and study members will conduct an outreach campaign to obtain feedback from stakeholders, including Town Hall meetings (all meetings will take place between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.):
August 19 (UW Madison Extension Office), August 20 (Country Aire Banquet Hall, Stratford), August 28 (Cashton Community Hall), August 29 (WisDOT US 41 Brown County Field Office, 1940 Mason Street), and September 3 (Chippewa County Courthouse Large Assembly Room).