



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5501:2-1-01 Definitions.

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As used in the movement of overweight and overdimension vehicle rules:

(A) "Applicant" means any person that applies for a permit to move an overweight and/or overdimension vehicle on the state highway system and includes any agent or permit agency that is authorized to act on behalf of such person.

(B) "Bill of lading" means a receipt or ticket for property tendered for transportation by a motor common carrier in interstate, intrastate or foreign commerce containing the following information:

(1) Names of consignor and consignee.

(2) Origin and destination points.

(3) Number of packages.

(4) Description of freight.

(5) Date.

(6) Weight, volume, or measurement of freight (if applicable to the rating of the freight).

(C) "Construction equipment permit" means a permit granting a special privilege which allows the unlimited number of movements of the same vehicle, including trailer and/or equipment or machinery, whose width does not exceed twelve feet and whose weight, length and height do not exceed the limitations of sections 5577.02 to 5577.05 of the Revised Code to or from a construction work site for up to three hundred sixty-five calendar days.

(D) "Continuing permit" means any permit granting a special privilege which allows an unlimited



number of movements of the same vehicle, including any approved load, axle weight, and axle spacing, between the same two specific locations over the same specified route for up to ninety calendar days.

(E) "Continuing annual permit" means any permit granting a special privilege which allows an unlimited number of movements of the same vehicle, including any approved load, axle weight, and axle spacing, between the same two specific locations over the same specified route for up to three hundred sixty-five calendar days.

(F) "Department" means Ohio department of transportation.

(G) "Director" means the director of the Ohio department of transportation, or the director's designee.

(H) "Emergency" means an occurrence or series of occurrences which causes, or threatens to cause, imminent loss of life or otherwise endangers public health, safety or welfare.

(I) "Emergency permit" means any permit applied for and granted over the phone during an emergency with all permit application procedures being complied with, and all fees submitted the next business day.

(J) "Farm equipment permit" means a permit granting a special privilege which allows the unlimited number of movements of farm machinery and equipment as specified in division (U) of section 4501.01 of the Revised Code to and from a farm or between two farm implement dealers, not to exceed three hundred sixty-five calendar days. The permitted vehicle shall be part of an over dimension vehicle whose maximum weight, length and height do not exceed the limitations specified in sections 5577.02 to 5577.05 of the Revised Code and whose width is fourteen feet or less.

(K) "Holiday" is a day appointed and recommended by the governor of Ohio or the president of the United States as a holiday where movement by special permit is prohibited. These holidays are: New Year's day, Memorial day, Independence day, Labor day, Thanksgiving day and Christmas day and may include any additional holidays as determined by the director. If any holiday



designated herein falls on Sunday, the following Monday is a legal holiday and if the holidays falls on a Saturday, the immediately preceding Friday is a legal holiday.

(L) "Marina permit" means a permit granting a special privilege which allows the unlimited number of movements of boats to and from a point of storage, repair or launch, not to exceed three hundred sixty-five calendar days. The permitted vehicle shall not exceed the maximum weight limitations specified in sections 5577.02 to 5577.04 of the Revised Code, the maximum width of fourteen feet, the maximum load length of sixty-five feet, and the maximum overall length of seventy-five feet. The pick-up and delivery may not exceed a ten mile radius from the point of origin over state and U.S. highways. Movement is not authorized on fully controlled or limited access highways. Power unit may consist of an agriculture tractor or land tug. Such vehicle must have a three digit unit number clearly displayed. Maximum operating height is not to exceed four inches below the least vertical clearance for overhead obstructions on the route, but in no case shall the operating height exceed fourteen feet, six inches. The transporting vehicle must have properly placed slow moving vehicle signage and at least one rear escort vehicle accompanying the load at all times.

(M) "Manufactured building permit" means a permit granting a special privilege which allows an unlimited number of movements of a manufactured building or manufactured building component, not to exceed three hundred sixty-five calendar days. The permitted vehicle shall be part of an over dimension vehicle whose maximum weight, length and height do not exceed the limitations specified in sections 5577.02 to 5577.05 of the Revised Code and whose width is twelve feet or less.

(N) "Michigan legal permit" means a permit granting a special privilege which allows the movement of an overweight vehicle over prescribed routes between Williams, Fulton or Lucas counties in Ohio and the Michigan border. The permitted weight shall be based on the state of Michigan's weight law, with a gross vehicle weight not to exceed one hundred fifty-four thousand pounds, and with sufficient number of axles to meet the Michigan weight law.

(O) "International Sealed Container permit" means a permit granting a special privilege which allows the movement of a freight container sealed by a U.S. customs seal or packer's seal from an Ohio point of origin where the seal is affixed to an approved Ohio intermodal facility with a destination point outside the United States where the seal is broken for which a continuing permit may be granted for forty-five or ninety days. This permit does not apply to hazardous materials



designated as such under the "Hazardous Materials Transportation Act," 88 Stat. 2156 (1975), 49 U.S.C. 5101 to 5128, and regulations adopted under it.

(P) "Approved Ohio Intermodal facility" means a facility where international sealed containers will be transferred from a commercial motor vehicle to a rail car, barge, ship, or cargo plane.

(Q) "Nondivisible load" means that which cannot be reduced in size or weight, or which is impractical to divide, or which cannot be so adjusted as to be within the size and weight limitations specified in sections 5577.02 to 5577.05 of the Revised Code, because to do so would:

(1) Compromise the intended use of the vehicle, i.e., make it unable to perform the function for which it was intended;

(2) Destroy the value of the load or vehicle, i.e., make it unusable for its intended purpose; or

(3) Require more than eight work hours to dismantle using appropriate equipment. The applicant for nondivisible load permit has the burden of proof as to the number of work hours required to dismantle the load.

For the purposes of this rule, three or fewer steel or aluminum coils, transported by a vehicle, are deemed nondivisible loads.

(R) "Overweight and/or over dimension vehicle" means any vehicle, machinery, equipment, load, or combination thereof, which exceeds the limitations specified in sections 5577.02 to 5577.05 of the Revised Code.

(S) "Permit" means a written document, verified and issued by the director, granting a special privilege which allows the movement of an overweight and/or over dimension vehicle, subject to the conditions and limitations specified on that document.

(T) "Permittee" means any applicant that is granted a permit under Chapter 5501:2-1 of the Administrative Code.



(U) "Person" means any individual, trust, firm, joint stock company, federal agency, corporation (including government corporation), partnership, association, the state, municipality, commission, political subdivision of the state or any interstate body.

(V) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or tires of similar material, inflated with air.

(W) "Steel or Aluminum coil permit" means a permit granting a special privilege which allows the movement of three or fewer steel or aluminum coils with a maximum gross vehicle weight in excess of the eighty thousand pounds legal load limit, but not to exceed one hundred twenty thousand pounds, between two specific points, over prescribed routes. Such permits may be issued as a single trip permit, a continuing permit or annual continuing trip permit.

(X) "Single trip permit" means any permit granting a special privilege which allows an overweight and/or over dimension vehicle to make one move during a five day period and between two specific points over prescribed routes.

(Y) "Single trip and return permit" means any permit granting a special privilege which allows an overweight and/or over dimension vehicle to make a movement between two specific points over prescribed routes and returning to the point of origin within five days of the original movement.

(Z) "Unpermitted movement" means any movement involving a vehicle and/or load exceeding the weight and/or dimension limitations of sections 5577.01 to 5577.09 of the Revised Code that is made either without a permit issued pursuant to Chapter 5501:2-1 of the Administrative Code or contrary to the conditions and limitations imposed by a permit issued pursuant to Chapter 5501:2-1 of the Administrative Code.

(AA) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a highway except devices other than bicycles moved by human power.

(BB) "Boat permit" means a permit granting a special privilege which allows an unlimited number of movements of a vehicle hauling a trailer designed and used for the transportation of boats, not to exceed three hundred sixty-five calendar days. The permitted vehicle shall not exceed the maximum weight, length and height limitations specified in sections 5577.02 to 5577.05 of the Revised Code



and the maximum width of twelve feet.

(CC) "Regional heavy haul permit" means any permit granting a special privilege which allows an overweight and/or over dimension vehicle to make movements between an origin and up to five separate destinations within a proximal geographical vicinity over prescribed routes. The permit may be issued to divisible or nondivisible loads. Permits may be issued as a single permit or a ninety day continuing permit.