



Transportation Permits Policy Memorandum

Subject: Tow Legal Vehicle behind Extra Legal Fixed Load Vehicle

Date: November 2, 2004

Policy: TPPM 2004-03

Reference: CTPAC-WG9-Reducible Loads (November 04, 2003)

Objectives

This policy will:

Allow an extra legal self-propelled fixed load vehicle to tow a legal vehicle.

Existing Documentation

The following source contains information related to this subject:

Caltrans Transportation Permit Conditions Section #10 Reducible Loads:

1. This permit is issued for the movement of an "Extralegal Load" as defined in CVC 320.5 when loaded at its least dimensions.
2. This permit is automatically canceled if the permitted dimensions and weight can be reduced to legal limits by repositioning and/or practical removal of a part, portion, or unit therefrom
3. This permit does not authorize extralegal weights if the load can be repositioned to stay within legal axle or axle group weights authorized in CVC. 35551 or 35551.5. If the load cannot be repositioned, the weights shown on the permit are authorized.
4. Other items may be hauled in addition to the permitted item provided they do not exceed the dimensions of the vehicle or permitted item (whichever is greater) and the loaded vehicle is of legal axle and gross weights.

Transportation Permit Condition Changes

Section #10 Reducible Loads:

Add:

5. An extra legal self-propelled fixed load vehicle may tow a legal **“Vehicle”** with the following conditions:

- The towed vehicle does not transfer weight to the towing vehicle
- Maximum vehicle combination length 65' 0"
- The self-propelled fixed load will not be close coupled to the towed trailer
- The total gross weight imposed by the towed vehicle will not exceed 20,000 lbs.

“Vehicle” as defined in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) 670.

“Trailer” as defined in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) 630.

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