State of California
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Traffic Operations, Mail Station 36
Transportation Permits Branch

Caltrans Proposal Response

Subject:	**Null and Void Permit**
Proposal Date:	**January 7, 2006**
Date:	**February 25, 2010**
Reference:	**CTPAC WG2-010706-001**

Industry Proposed Revision:

Provide a more definitive definition for a "Null and Void" permit.

The Department's Response:

Pursuant to the California Vehicle Code (CVC), all extralegal loads require a valid permit issued by the Department for travel on State highways. Hauler must have permit from local agencies to travel on local roads. The permittee must have a valid permit that shows the load, hauling equipment, route and conditions set forth on the permit. The Permittee must be knowledgeable of and comply with all permit conditions, requirements and laws when traveling on California roadways.

The permittee is required to read and understand the conditions of the permit as stipulated in the Permit Condition #4," Acceptance of this permit constitutes an agreement by the permittee to observe and comply with all of the general and specific conditions on the face of the permit and its accompaniments." The Department has made all of its extralegal travel requirements available for the permittee to review and reference. They can be obtained from the following sources:

- The Department's website, FAQ #5, "What are the required accompaniments?" states, "Permit Conditions apply to all permit types."
- The Department's website, "Interactive instruction # 37" states, "The permit is not valid without these accompaniments."
- The transportation permit application (upper right hand corner, below the permit number) states, "This permit is not valid without the following accompaniments."
- Permit conditions, Letter "F" states that permit is voided "If presented without the accompaniments specifically named on the face of the permit."
- Transportation Permit Manual (TPM), Section 106.3 "Attachments" states, "Permit Conditions" shall be attached to all transportation permits issued.
- TPM Section 106.4.2 "How to complete permit forms" states, "All attachments shall be listed on the permit."

The Department considers that the entire permit is "null and void" when any of the terms or conditions of the permit is violated. Situations that may render permit "null and void" include, but are not limited to the following:

- Off-Route - The hauler is not traveling on approved route(s);
- Illegible;
- Apparent alteration to the permits and/or inspection reports;
- Description of load, hauling equipment, dimensions and weights are different than as described on the permit;
- Placed out of service by law enforcement; and
- Failure to comply with the general conditions, specific provisions, and notes listed on the permit.

The Department works in partnership with the CHP to ensure permit compliance. It is the permittee's responsibility to ensure that all provided information is accurate and complies with permit policy. The Department suggests that the permittee be familiar with the conditions, requirements of hauling extralegal loads in California and print out all the accompaniments. These conditions, requirements and accompaniments can be obtained from the Department's website at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/permits.