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Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Transportation Permits Policy Memorandum

Subject: Extralegal weight for 10'- 4" axle spacing on three fixed in line axles (Tridems).
Date: May 22, 2009
Policy: TPPM 2009-01
Reference: CTPAC 090104-001

Objective

This policy will allow extralegal weight on a fixed in line three (3) axles group (Tridem) with spacing not to exceed 10'- 4" between the first and last axle (measured from centerline of the axles).

Existing Documentation

Transportation Permits Manual (TPM), Section 104.1.15 - Extralegal weight will be moved on hauling equipment incorporating fixed in line axles with a dimension greater than 10'0" between the first and last axle on any given unit unless all axles outside the 10'0" dimension are steerable. On tandem axles with spacings greater than 8'0", weight will be restricted to that allowed in the California Vehicle Code.

Transportation Permits Manual (TPM), Section 302.6, paragraph 1 - Extralegal weight is not authorized on fixed in lines axles (non-steering) mounted on a common, non-articulating frame when the axle bridge dimension from the first to last axle exceeds 10'0".

Transportation Permit Manual Changes

1) *Change Section 104.1.15 and Section 302.6 to read as follows:*

104.1 Applications for transportation permits may be denied under the following conditions unless authorized by Headquarters:

104.1.15 - Extralegal weight is not authorized on hauling equipment with fixed in line axles greater than 10'- 4" spacing, between the first and last axle, unless those axles beyond the 10'- 4" dimension are steerable. On tandem axles with spacing greater than 8'- 0", weight is restricted to that allowed in the California Vehicle Code.

302.6 Fixed in line axles

Extralegal weight is not authorized on fixed in lines axles, non-steering axles that are mounted on a common frame (non-articulating), when the axle bridge dimension from the first to last axle exceeds 10'- 4".

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