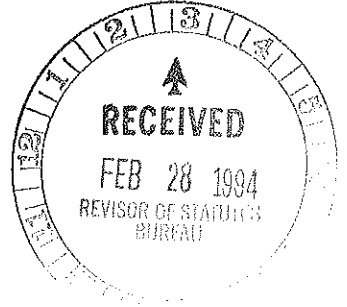


CR 93-210

CERTIFICATE



STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, CHARLES H. THOMPSON, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and custodian of the official records, do hereby certify that the rule, relating to the **operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways**, was duly approved and adopted by this Department on February 28, 1994.

I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department of Transportation at 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, in the City of Madison, Wisconsin, this 28 day of February, 1994.

Charles H. Thompson

CHARLES H. THOMPSON
Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF a rule AMENDING s. Trans 276.08, Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways.

ORDER ADOPTING RULE

Analysis Prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: ss. 85.16(1) and 348.07(4), Stats.

STATUTE INTERPRETED: s. 348.07(4), Stats.

General Summary of Rule. This rule amends s. Trans 276.08, Wisconsin Administrative Code, to allow longer vehicles to use highways established as bypasses and alternate routes if the highway being rerouted is designated for longer vehicles.

The long trucks to which this rule applies are those with 53-foot semitrailers, double bottoms and the vehicles which may legally operate on the federal National Network, but which exceed Wisconsin's regular limits on overall length. Generally, no person may operate any of the following vehicles on Wisconsin's highways without a permit: A single vehicle with an overall length in excess of 40 feet¹, a combination of vehicles with an overall length in excess of 65 feet, a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, an automobile haulaway longer than 66 feet plus allowed overhangs, or a double bottom. Certain exceptions are provided under s. 348.07(2), Stats., which implements provisions of the federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act in Wisconsin.

The effect of this rule will be to extend the provisions of s. 348.07(2)(f), (fm), (gm) and (gr), and s. 348.08(1)(e), Stats., to bypasses and alternate routes. As a result, vehicles which may legally operate on the federal National Network in Wisconsin will also be allowed to operate on bypasses and alternate routes if the highway being rerouted is designated for longer vehicles. Specifically, this means there will be no overall length limitation for a tractor-semitrailer combination, a double bottom or an automobile haulaway on the affected highway segments. There also will be no length limitation for a truck tractor or road tractor when operated in a tractor-semitrailer combination or as part of a double bottom or an automobile haulaway. Double bottoms will be allowed to operate on the affected highway segments provided neither trailer is longer than 28 feet, 6 inches. Semitrailers up to 53 feet long may also be operated on these highway segments provided the kingpin to rear axle distance does not exceed 41 feet. This distance is measured from the kingpin to the center of the rear axle or, if the semitrailer has a tandem axle, to a point

¹ 45-foot buses are allowed on the National Network and Interstate system by Federal law. Section 4006(b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

midway between the first and last axles of the tandem. Otherwise, semitrailers, including semitrailers which are part of an automobile haulaway, are limited to 48 feet in length.

These vehicles and combinations are also allowed to operate on undesignated highways for a distance of 5 miles or less from the designated highway in order to reach fuel, food, maintenance, repair, rest, staging, terminal or vehicle assembly or points of loading or unloading.

Fiscal Estimate. The Department estimates that there will be no direct fiscal impact from this rulemaking upon the state and anticipates no effect upon the fiscal liabilities or revenues of any county, city, village, town, school district, vocational, technical and adult education school district or sewerage district.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. The provisions of this rule adding bypasses and alternate routes to the designated highway system have no direct adverse effect on small businesses, and may have a favorable effect upon those small businesses which are shippers or carriers using bypasses or alternate routes.

Copies of Rule and Contact Person. Copies of this rule are available without cost upon request to the office of the State Traffic Engineer, P. O. Box 7916, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707, telephone (608) 266-2375. For questions about this rulemaking, please call Mark Morrison, Regional Traffic Engineer at (608) 266-1675.

TEXT OF RULE

Under the authority vested in the state of Wisconsin, department of transportation, by ss. 85.16(1) and 348.07(4), Stats., the department of transportation hereby amends ch. Trans 276, Wisconsin Administrative Code, interpreting s. 348.07(4), Stats., relating to allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways.

SECTION 1. Trans 276.08 is amended to read:


Trans 276.08 (title) DETOURS, BYPASSES AND ALTERNATE ROUTES. When a highway designated in s. Trans 276.07 or s. 276.075 is closed and detoured as authorized by s. 84.02(10)(b), Stats., vehicles being operated under ss. 348.07(2)(f), (fm), (gm), (gr), (4) and 348.08(1)(e), Stats., may be operated on the detour until the regular route of the highway is reopened to traffic. When a bypass or alternate route is recommended by the

department for a highway designated in s. Trans 276.07 or 276.075 in order to reduce congestion, improve access or improve public safety, vehicles being operated under ss. 348.07(2)(f), (fm), (gm), (gr), (4) and 348.08(1)(e), Stats., may be operated on the recommended bypass or alternate route. Notice of a recommended bypass or alternate route may be given by signs or other appropriate methods.

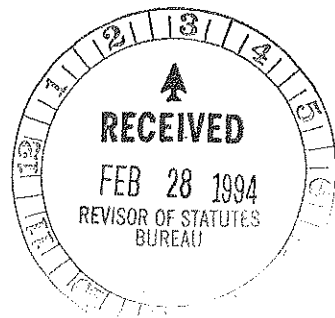
(END OF RULE TEXT)

Effective Date: This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Signed at Madison, Wisconsin, this 28 day
of February, 1994.



CHARLES H. THOMPSON
Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Transportation





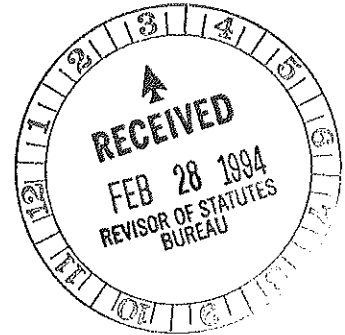
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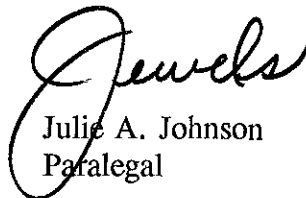
RE: **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 93-210**

In the Matter of the Adoption of **TRANS 276**, Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways.

Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed for filing, pursuant to s. 227.20, Wis. Stats., is a certified copy of **CR 93-210**, an administrative rule relating to the above-mentioned matter. This rule is submitted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,


Julie A. Johnson
Paralegal

Enclosures

cc: Tom Walker
Dorothy Kapke
Jim McDonnell
Fred Ross
Mark Morrison