

Title 7—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division 10—Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission
Chapter 25—Motor Carrier Operations

ORDER OF RULEMAKING

By the authority vested in the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission under sections 304.180 and 304.200, RSMo, the commission amends a rule as follows:

7 CSR 10-25.020 Oversize/Overweight Permits is amended.

A notice of proposed rulemaking containing the text of the proposed amendment was published in the *Missouri Register* on November 15, 2016 (41 MoReg 1668-1680). Those sections with changes are reprinted here. This proposed amendment becomes effective thirty (30) days after publication in the *Code of State Regulations*.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS: The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission received one (1) comment on the proposed amendment.

COMMENT #1: Steven Todd, with the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association, requested that rule language in subsection (G) be revised to eliminate or reduce the escort requirements for loads greater than 160,000 pounds. Todd stated that most states do not have any automatic escort requirements for “weight only” loads. Todd further stated that eliminating or reducing Missouri’s escort requirements would enhance the efficient movement of freight and, as other states have demonstrated, there has been no negative impact to safety.

RESPONSE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission concurs with this comment and subsection (G) will be changed to allow travel for overweight loads up to 350,000 pounds before escorts are required on the interstate.

7 CSR 10-25.020(15) Oversize Overweight Permits

(G) Escort Requirements. If Missouri State Highway Patrol escorts are required for a continuous portion of the move but not the entire move, they are only required for that portion. If the patrol escort is required for an intermittent portion of the move, they will be required to escort the entire move. In addition to escort requirements as outlined in subsection (9)(G), the following requirements apply to super heavy and large load movements:

1. One (1) front and one (1) rear civilian escort is required for all superloads in excess of 350,000 lbs.;
2. One (1) front civilian escort is required for all superloads on two-lane highways, except;
3. If a load is required to cross bridge structures at crawl speed in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas, then one (1) front and two (2) rear civilian escorts are required for that portion of the move;
4. One (1) front and two (2) rear civilian escorts are required on all sections of dual lane highways traversed if load exceeds sixteen feet (16') wide and Missouri State Highway Patrol escorts are not present. If Missouri State Highway Patrol escorts are present, one (1) front and one (1) rear civilian escort is required. In addition to the civilian escorts required above;



5. Missouri State Highway Patrol escorts are required when load exceeds:

- A. Sixteen feet (16') wide on any highway other than interstate or MO 370;
- B. Eighteen feet (18') wide on interstate or MO 370;
- C. One hundred fifty feet (150') overall length on any highway;
- D. Seventeen feet (17') high on any highway;

E. Any time deemed necessary due to complexity of route or load. The Missouri State Highway Patrol may conduct a Level I inspection prior to performing escort services. Motor Carrier Services may, at their discretion, waive Missouri State Highway Patrol escort requirement or allow the substitution of local or military law enforcement in the place of Missouri State Highway Patrol escorts;