

CR 90-238

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
 ) ss.  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION )

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, RONALD R. FIEDLER, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and custodian of the official records, do hereby certify that the rule, relating to **allowing the operation of "double bottoms" and certain other combination vehicles greater than 60 feet in overall length on the specified highways**, was duly approved and adopted by this Department on February 25, 1991.

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1991.

*for* Donald W. Janssen, Deputy  
RONALD R. FIEDLER, P.E.  
Secretary

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Clearinghouse Rule 90-238

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IN THE MATTER OF a Rule to  
AMEND Trans 276.07(13), Wisconsin  
Administrative Code, relating to  
allowing the operation of double  
bottoms and certain other combination  
vehicles greater than 60 feet in over-  
all length on specified highways.

ORDER ADOPTING RULE

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Analysis Prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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

STATUTES INTERPRETED: ss. 348.07(2)(f), (fm) (gm), (gr), 348.07(4) and  
348.08(1)(e), Stats.

General Summary of Rule. This rule amends s. Trans 276.07(13),  
Wisconsin Administrative Code, to add the following state trunk  
highway to the designated highway system established under s. 348.07(4), Stats.:

State Trunk Highway 64 between State Trunk Highway 32 south of Mountain  
and U. S. Highway 141 north of Pound in Oconto and Marinette Counties.

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 feet, a combination of vehicles with an overall length in excess of  
60 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 348.08(1)(e), Stats., to the highway  
segments listed above. As a result, vehicles which may legally operate on the  
federal National Network in Wisconsin will also be allowed to operate on the  
newly designated highways. 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 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. After loading or unloading, these vehicles and combinations may also be operated on an undesignated highway for up to 5 miles in order to obtain access to a designated highway.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. The provisions of this rule adding a highway segment to the designated system have direct adverse effect on small business and may have a favorable effect upon those small businesses which are shippers or carriers using the newly designated route.

Authority for Rule. S. 348.07(4), Stats., provides that the Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall designate, by administrative rule, highways to which s. 348.07(2)(f), (fm), (gm) and (gr) and 348.08(1)(e), Stats., shall apply.

Final Fiscal Impact. 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.

Contact Persons. For questions about this rulemaking, please call Harry Price, State Traffic Engineer, at (608) 266-2375.

#### TEXT OF RULE

Under the authority vested in the Wisconsin department of transportation by ss. 85.16(1) and 348.07(4), Stats., the department of transportation hereby amends chapter Trans 276, Wisconsin Administrative Code, implementing ss. 348.07(2)(f), (fm) (gm), (gr), 348.07(4) and 348.08(1)(e), Stats., as follows:

SECTION 1. Trans 276.07(13) is amended to read:

	[Route]	[From]	[To]
(13)	STH 60	STH 113 in Lodi	IH 43 E. of Grafton
	USH 61	IA Line at Dubuque, IA	STH 129 S.E. of Lancaster

USH 61	STH 129 N.E. of Lancaster	Minnesota Line at La Crosse
USH 63	Minnesota Line at Red Wing, MN	USH 2 W. of Ashland
STH 64	Minnesota Line	USH 63 E. of New Richmond
STH 64	USH 53 at Bloomer	STH 27 in Cornell
STH 64	<del>USH-141-N--of-Pound</del> <u>STH 32 S. of Mountain</u>	USH 41 at Marinette

(END OF RULE TEXT)

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1991.

*Annexed 11/20/90 Deputy*  
 for Ronald R. Fiedler, P.E.  
 Secretary  
 Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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RE: **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 90-238**

In the Matter of the Adoption of **TRANS 276**, Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to **allowing the operation of "double bottoms" and certain other combination vehicles greater than 60 feet in overall length on the specified highways.**

Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed for filing, pursuant to s. 227.20, Wis. Stats., is a certified copy of **CR 90-238**, 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  
Linda Thelke  
Sandy Beaupre  
Fred Ross  
Harry Price