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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 99-144

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. Section Trans. 316.01 (intro.) states that one of the purposes of ch. Trans 316 is to permit wood harvesting slashers to engage in limited operation on Wisconsin roads. However, ch. Trans 316 does not in any way address the manner in which wood harvesting slashers may be operated on Wisconsin highways or how this operation is limited. In addition, the purpose of s. 341.05 (25), Stats., which is the statutory authority for ch. Trans 316, is to exempt wood harvesting slashers from motor vehicle registration. However, ch. Trans 316 does not provide such an exemption. It is suggested that the rule address these questions.

b. In s. Trans 316.01 (intro.) it appears that the word “limited” should replace the word “limit.” In addition, in this section, the word “roads” should be replaced with the word “highways” because highways is the term used in s. 341.05 (25), Stats.

c. Section Trans 316.02 (1) should be redrafted as a definition of “self-propelled slasher” because the term is defined as a certain type of slasher. This comment also applies to s. Trans 316.02 (3).

d. Section Trans 316.02 (1) would be more clear if the term “independently powered” were replaced by the term “self-propelled when used” to make it clear that the defined term refers to a wood harvesting slasher that moves under its own power when used for cutting purposes.