



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 43 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.

**Fiscal Impact.** The Department estimates that there will be no fiscal impact on the liabilities or revenues of any county, city, village, town, school district, technical college district or sewerage district.

**Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.** The provisions of this rule adding highway segments to the designated system have no direct adverse effect on small businesses, and may have a favorable effect on those small businesses which are shippers or carriers using the newly-designated 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 7986, Room 501, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707-7986, telephone (608) 266-1273. For questions about this rule making, please call Ashwani Sharma, Traffic Operations Engineer at (608) 266-1273. Alternate formats of the rule will be provided to individuals at their request.

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## **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, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Trans 276.07(10) is amended to read:

	<u>Route</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Trans 276.07(10)	USH 45	IL Line S. of Bristol	CTH B in Eden
	USH 45	USH 41 N. of Oshkosh	STH 150 W. of Menasha
	USH 45	STH 76 at Greenville	MI Line at Land O'Lakes
	STH 46	STH 64 S. of Deer Park	USH 8 S. of Balsam Lake
	STH 47	USH 10 in Appleton	STH 29 in Shawano
	STH 47	USH 45 N. of Aniwa	USH 51 in Woodruff
	STH 48	STH 70 in Grantsburg	STH 87 S. of Grantsburg
	STH 48	STH 63 in Cumberland	<del>USH 53 in Rice Lake</del> <u>STH 40</u>
	STH 49	USH 41 E. of Brownsville	USH 10 at Weyauwega

**(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), Stats.

Signed at Madison, Wisconsin, this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2001.

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