

CR 90-188

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.

*Ronald R. Fiedler, Deputy*  
for RONALD R. FIEDLER, P.E.  
Secretary

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Clearinghouse Rule 90-188

IN THE MATTER OF a Rule to AMEND  
Trans 276.07(11), (14) and (15) and  
CREATE Trans 276.07(44m), 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 the specified highways.

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ORDER ADOPTING RULE

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Analysis Prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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

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

General Summary of Rule. This rule amends s. Trans 276.07(11), (14) and (15), Wisconsin Administrative Code, and creates s. Trans 276.07(44m) to add five segments of highway to the designated highway system established under s. 348.07(4), Stats. The specific highway segments that this rule adds to the designated highway system are:

1. State Trunk Highway 54 from State Trunk Highway 71 at Melrose to Interstate Highway 94 east of Black River Falls,
2. State Trunk Highway 66 from U. S. Highway 41 at Stevens Point to Rosholt,
3. State Trunk Highway 71 from State Trunk Highway 54 at Melrose to State Trunk Highway 27 south of Cataract,
4. Douglas Street in the City of Ripon from East Fond du Lac Street to Oshkosh Street, and
5. Oshkosh Street in the City of Ripon from West Fond du Lac Street to Douglas Street.

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 that exceed Wisconsin's regular limits on overall length. Generally, no person may operate any single vehicle with an overall length in excess of 40 feet, or a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, an automobile haulaway longer than 66 feet plus allowed overhangs, or a twin trailer vehicle (i.e., a "double bottom") on Wisconsin's highways without a permit. (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 ss. 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 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 a 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. Use of an undesignated highway merely as a through route between designated highways is not permitted.

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 have a favorable effect upon those small businesses which are shippers or carriers using the newly designated routes.

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

Final 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.

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 s. Trans 276.07(11), (14) and (15) and creates s. 276.07(44m), Wisconsin Administrative Code, implementing s. 348.07(4), Stats., as follows:

SECTION 1. Trans 276.07(11), (14) and (15) are amended to read:

	[Route]	[From]	[To]
Trans 276.07(11)	STH 50	USH 45 N. of Bristol	45th Ave. in Kenosha
	USH 51	S. Corp Limits of Janesville	USH 14 at Janesville
	USH 51	IH 90 E. of Stoughton	STH 16 S.E. of Portage
	USH 51	STH 78 N. of Portage	USH 2 N. of Hurley
	USH 53	USH 14-61 in La Crosse	USH 10 in Osseo
	USH 53	IH 94 S.E. of Eau Claire	IH 535 in Superior
	<u>STH 54</u>	<u>STH 71 at Melrose</u>	<u>IH 94 E. of Black River Falls</u>
	STH 54	STH 13 in Wisconsin Rapids	USH 41 at Green Bay
(14)	STH 65	STH 35 N. of River Falls	STH 64 at New Richmond
	<u>STH 66</u>	<u>USH 51 at Stevens Point</u>	Rosholt
	STH 67	IH 94 S. of Oconomowoc	STH 109 S. of Iron Ridge
	STH 67	CTH "VV" W. of Iron Ridge	STH 28 in Mayville
	STH 67	CTH "B" S. of St. Cloud	USH 151 N. of Kiel
	STH 68	STH 33 at Fox Lake	STH 49 at Waupun
	STH 69	Illinois Line	CTH "PB" at Paoli
(15)	STH 70	STH 48 in Grantsburg	USH 53-63 in Spooner
	STH 71	<del>STH-16-in-Sparta</del> <u>STH 54 at Melrose</u>	STH 80 in Elroy
	STH 73	IH 90 N. of Edgerton	STH 19 in Marshall
	STH 73	USH 151 S.W. of Columbus	STH 54 in Wisconsin Rapids
	STH 73	STH 95 S. of Neillsville	STH 29 in Withee

SECTION 2. Trans 276.07(44m) is created to read:

	[Route]	[From]	[To]
Trans 276.07(44m)	CITY OF RIPON		
	Douglas St.	E. Fond du Lac St.	Oshkosh St.
	Oshkosh St.	W. Fond du Lac St.	Douglas St.

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

*Ronald R. Fiedler, Deputy*  
for Ronald R. Fiedler, P.E.  
Secretary  
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RE: **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 90-188**

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 90-188**, 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  
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