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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 July 30th, 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 30th day of July, 1991.

RONALD R. FIEDLER, P.E.
Secretary

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Clearinghouse Rule 91-48

IN THE MATTER OF a Rule to
AMEND Trans 276.07(12), 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.

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ORDER ADOPTING RULE **RECEIVED**

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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: 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(12), Wisconsin
Administrative Code, to add the following segment of highway to the designated
highway system established under s. 348.07(4), Stats.:

State Trunk Highway 59 from State Trunk Highway 11 in Monroe to U. S.
Highway 14 in Evansville.

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
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 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.

Designation of a highway under this proceeding affects only the length of vehicles which may be operated on the highway. It has no effect on the width of vehicles which remains at 8 feet 6 inches maximum, the height of vehicles which remains at 13 feet 6 inches maximum or the weight of vehicles which remains at 80,000 pounds maximum. The statutes, however, contain certain exceptions to these maximum widths, heights and weights which apply regardless of whether or not a highway has been designated in this rule.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. The provisions of this rule adding a highway segment 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 route.

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.

Copies of Rule and Contact Persons. Copies of this rule are available without cost upon request to the office of the Regional Chief Traffic Engineer, P. O. Box 7916, Madison, Wisconsin 53707, telephone (608) 266-2375. For questions about this rulemaking, please call Peter Rusch, Regional Chief Traffic Engineer, at (608) 266-2375.

Hearing-impaired individuals may contact the Department using TDD (608) 266-6880.

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(12) is amended to read:

	[Route]	[From]	[To]
Trans 276.07(12)	USH 57	IH 43 N. of Saukville	STH 172 S. of Green Bay
	STH 57	IH 43 in Green Bay	Sturgeon Bay
	<u>STH 59</u>	<u>STH 11 in Monroe</u>	<u>USH 14 in Evansville</u>
	STH 59	USH 12 in Whitewater	CTH "A" E. of Waukesha

(END OF RULE TEXT)

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 30th day of July, 1991.



Ronald R. Fiedler, P.E.
Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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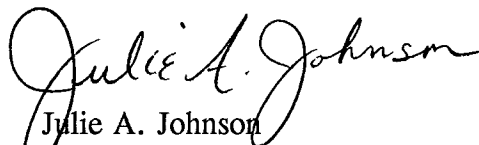
RE: **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 91-48**

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 91-48**, 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