

CR 92-224

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, CHARLES H. THOMPSON, 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 vehicles on certain specified highways**, was duly approved and adopted by this Department on March 29, 1993.

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 29 day of **March**, 1993.

Charles H. Thompson

CHARLES H. THOMPSON
Secretary

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IN THE MATTER OF an Order Adopting Rule AMENDING ss. Trans 276.07(6) and (13), Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways.

ORDER ADOPTING RULE

Analysis Prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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

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

General Summary of Rule. This rule amends Trans 276.07(6) and (13), Wisconsin Administrative Code, to add two segments of highway to the designated highway system established under s. 348.07(4), Stats. The actual highway segments¹ that this rule adds to the designated highway system are:

<u>Hwy.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
STH 27	STH 64 E. of Cornell	STH 194 W. of Sheldon
STH 64	USH 45 in Antigo	STH 32 S. of Mountain

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 feet², a combination of vehicles with an overall length in excess of 65 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 s. 348.08(1)(e), Stats., to the highway segments listed above. As a result, vehicles

¹ The proposed rule text often achieves these objectives by consolidating individual segments into contiguous segments with new end points. In order to determine the actual highway segment added, it is necessary to compare the combined old designations with the combined new designation.

² 45-foot buses are allowed on the National Network and Interstate system by Federal law. Section 4006(b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

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.

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.

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

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:

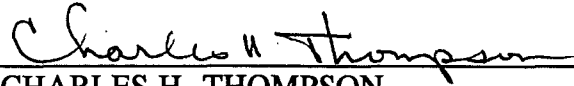
SECTION 1. Trans 276.07(6) and (13) are amended to read:

	Route	From	To
Trans 276.07(6)	STH 25	Minnesota Line	USH 8 in Barron
	STH 26	IH 90 at Janesville	USH 151 S.E. of Waupun
	STH 26	USH 151 N.E. of Waupun	USH 41 S.W. of Oshkosh
	STH 27	USH 18 in Prairie du Chien	STH 171 at Mt. Sterling
	STH 27	USH 14 S.E. of Viroqua	STH 64 in Cornell <u>USH 8 in Ladysmith</u>
	STH 27	STH 194 W. of Sheldon	USH 8 in Ladysmith
	STH 28	STH 33 in Horicon	USH 45 in Kewaskum
	STH 28	STH 144 S. of Boltonville	STH 57 at Waldo
	STH 29	USH 10 in Prescott	STH 35 in River Falls
	STH 29	IH 94 W. of Elk Mound	USH 53 at Chippewa Falls
	STH 29	STH 124 S. of Chippewa Falls	USH 41 in Green Bay
	STH 29	USH 141 at Bellevue	STH 42 in Kewaunee
(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	MN Line at La Crosse
	USH 63	MN Line at Red Wing, MN	USH 2 W. of Ashland
	STH 64	MN Line	STH 13 in Medford
	STH 64	STH 32 S. of Mountain <u>USH 45 in Antigo</u>	USH 41 in Marinette

(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 29 day
of March, 1993.



CHARLES H. THOMPSON

Secretary

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RE: **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 92-224**

In the Matter of the Adoption of **TRANS 276**, Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to **allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways.**

Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed for filing, pursuant to s. 227.20, Wis. Stats., is a certified copy of **CR 92-224**, an administrative rule relating to the above-mentioned matter. This rule is submitted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Johnson".

Julie A. Johnson
Paralegal

Enclosures

cc: Tom Walker
Dorothy Kapke
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