

Clearinghouse Rule 96-076

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

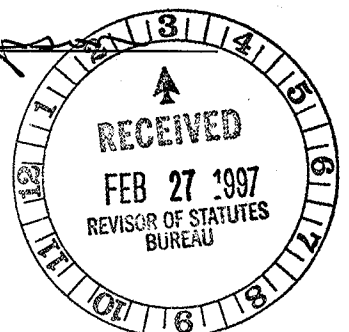
I, CHARLES H. THOMPSON, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and custodian of the official records, do hereby certify that the rule, relating to a **allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways**, was duly approved and adopted by this Department on February 26 1997.

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.



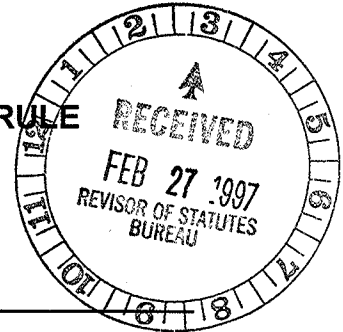
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department of Transportation at 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, in the City of Madison, Wisconsin, this 26 day of **February**, 1997.

Charles H. Thompson
CHARLES H. THOMPSON
Secretary



5-1-97

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation adopts an order to repeal TRANS 276.07(8m) and 276.09(1)(a) to (c); renumber and amend TRANS 276.09(1)(intro.); amend TRANS 276.07(17) and (17m); and repeal and recreate TRANS 276.09(note), 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 This rule repeals s. Trans 276.07(8m), Wisconsin Administrative Code, which was no longer in effect as of 1-1-92 due to a sunset clause imposed after reconstructing a bridge. The actual highway segment that this rule removes from the listing of designated highways is:

<u>Hwy.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
STH 37	STH 88 S. of Mondovi	USH 10 in Mondovi

This rule also amends s. Trans 276.09(1)(intro.), Wisconsin Administrative Code, which effectively adds several highway segments to the designated highway system established under s. 348.07(4), Stats. The actual highway segments that this rule adds to the designated highway system are:

<u>Hwy.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
USH 51	Illinois Line at Beloit	Broad Street in Beloit
STH 81	STH 11 S. of Brodhead	STH 213 in Beloit
STH 213	Broad Street in Beloit	STH 81 in Beloit
Broad Street	STH 213 in Beloit	USH 51 in Beloit

These segments are only effective during the period when the conditions in s. Trans 276.09(1) are met.

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 feet¹, 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 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 7916, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707, telephone (608) 266-1675. For questions about this rule making, please call Mark Morrison, Regional Traffic Engineer at (608) 266-1675. Alternate formats of the rule will be provided to individuals at their request.

¹ 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.

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(8m) is repealed.

SECTION 2. Trans 276.07(17) and (17m) are amended to read:

	<u>Route</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Trans 276.07(17)	STH 80	STH 11 S. of Cuba City	USH 14 at Richland Center
	STH 80	STH 33 in Union Center	STH 13 at Pittsville
	STH 81	STH 35 N.E. of Beetown	STH 23 S. of Darlington
	STH 81	STH 11 N. of Monroe	STH 11 S. of Brodhead <u>CTH H W. of Beloit</u>
	STH 82	STH 80 N. of Elroy	USH 51 W. of Montello
	STH 83	STH 167 S. of Hartford	STH 60 in Hartford
	STH 85	USH 10 in Durand	STH 37 S.W. of Eau Claire
	STH 87	USH 8 in St. Croix Falls	STH 48 S. of Grantsburg
	STH 89	USH 14 N. of Darien	USH 12 in Whitewater
	STH 89	IH 94 at Lake Mills	STH 73 in Columbus
(17m)	STH 81	STH 11 S. of Brodhead <u>CTH H W. of Beloit</u>	STH 213 in Beloit

SECTION 3. Trans 276.09(1)(intro.) is renumbered 276.09(1) and amended to read:

Trans 276.09(1) The treatment of s. Trans 276.07(11m), (17m), (26m) and (40m) applies ~~beginning January 1, 1992,~~ upon completion of the reconstruction of Liberty Avenue in Beloit and ending when any one of the following occur: Beloit bypass authorized in s. 84.013(3)(rb), Stats., is constructed and designated by the department under s. 348.07(4), Stats., as a highway to which ss. 348.07(2)(f), (fm), (gm), (gr) and s. 348.08(1)(e) and (h) apply.


SECTION 4. Trans 276.09(1)(a) to (c) are repealed.

SECTION 5. Trans 276.09(note) is repealed and recreated to read:

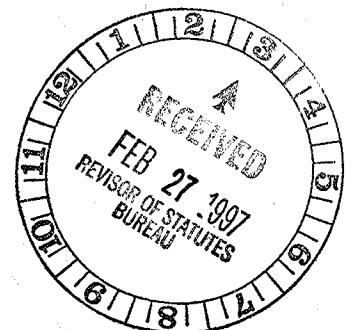
NOTE: The reconstruction of Liberty Avenue in Beloit is expected to be completed in the fall of 1999 and the construction of the Beloit bypass authorized in s. 84.013(3)(rb), Stats., is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2001.

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 26 day of February, 1997.



CHARLES H. THOMPSON
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Wisconsin Department of Transportation





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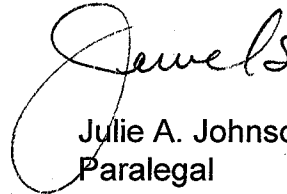
RE: CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 96-76

In the Matter of the Adoption of **TRANS 276**, Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to a **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 96-76**, an administrative rule relating to the above-mentioned matter.

Sincerely,


Julie A. Johnson
Paralegal

Enclosures

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Dorothy Kapke
Jim McDonnell
Jim Gruendler
Mark Morrison

