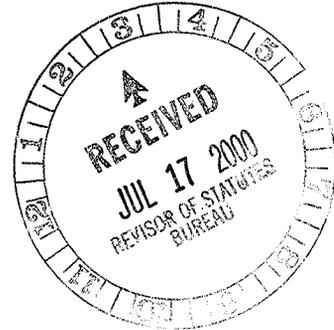


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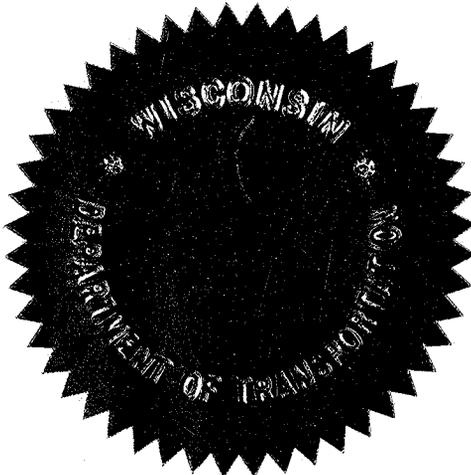
STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
 ) ss.  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION )



TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, TERRENCE D. MULCAHY, 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 specified highways**, was duly approved and adopted by this Department on July 17, 2000.

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 17 day of July, 2000.

*Terrence Mulcahy*  
TERRENCE D. MULCAHY, PE.  
Secretary

10/1/00

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation adopts an order to amend TRANS 276.07(4), 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(4), Wisconsin Administrative Code, to add one segment of highway to the designated highway system established under s. 348.07(4), Stats. The actual highway segment<sup>1</sup> that this rule adds to the designated highway system is:

<u>Hwy.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
STH 17	STH 64 in Merrill	USH 8 in Rhinelander

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<sup>2</sup>, 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

<sup>1</sup> The 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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-semi-trailer 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. Semi-trailers 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 semi-trailer has a tandem axle, to a point midway between the first and last axles of the tandem. Otherwise, semi-trailers, including semi-trailers 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(4) is amended to read:

	<u>Route</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Trans 276.07(4)	STH 16	CTH "J" N. of Rockland	IH 90 E. of Sparta

STH 16    STH 78 at Portage                    IH 94 N. of Waukesha  
STH 17    ~~USH 8 in Rhinelander~~                Phelps  
              STH 64 in Merrill  
USH 18    IA Line at Prairie du Chien                STH 89 W. of Jefferson  
USH 18    STH 164 E. of Waukesha                    IH 94 E. of Waukesha  
STH 19    USH 12 S. of Springfield Corners        STH 16 E. of Watertown

**(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, 2000.

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TERRENCE D. MULCAHY, P.E.  
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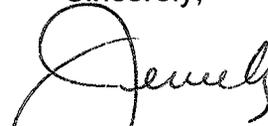
RE: **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 00-077**

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 specified highways**

Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed for filing, pursuant to s. 227.20, Wis. Stats., is a certified copy of **CR 00-077**, an administrative rule relating to the above-mentioned matter.

Sincerely,

  
Julie A. Johnson  
Paralegal

Enclosures

cc: Mike Goetzman  
Alice Morehouse  
Ashwani Sharma

