

Clearinghouse Rule 96-117

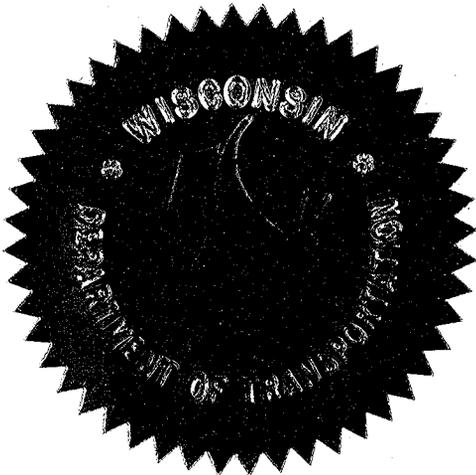
CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

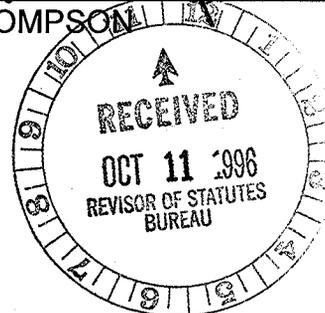
I, CHARLES H. THOMPSON, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and custodian of the official records, do hereby certify that the rule, relating to **allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways**, was duly approved and adopted by this Department on October 10, 1996.

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 10 day of **October**, 1996.

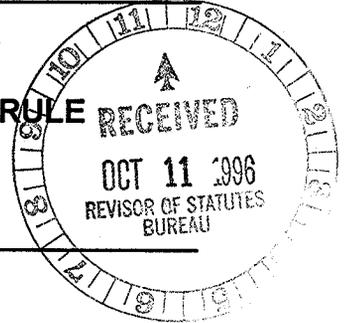
Charles H. Thompson
CHARLES H. THOMPSON
Secretary



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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation adopts an order to amend TRANS 276.07(4) and (7), 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 s. Trans 276.07(4) and (7), 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 19	USH 12 S. of Springfield Corners	STH 113 in Waunakee
STH 32	STH 22 in Gillett	STH 64 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.

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.

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, Traffic & Safety Engineer at (608) 266-1675. Hearing-impaired individuals may contact the Department using TDD (608) 266-0396. Alternate formats of the rule will be provided to individuals at their request.

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) and (7) are amended to read:

	Route	From	To
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
	USH 18	IA Line at Prairie du Chien	STH 134 N. of Cambridge
	USH 18	STH 164 E. of Waukesha	IH 94 E. of Waukesha
	STH 19	Waunakee <u>USH 12 S. of Springfield Corners</u>	STH 16 E. of Watertown
(7)	STH 30	USH 151 in Madison	IH 90-94 E. of Madison
	STH 31	Illinois Line	STH 20 in Racine
	STH 32	IH 43 in River Hills	IH 43 E. of Grafton
	STH 32	IH 43 N. of Port Washington	STH 57 in De Pere
	STH 32	USH 41 N. of De Pere	STH 22 in Gillett <u>64 S. of Mountain</u>
	STH 32	USH 8 in Laona	STH 55 in Crandon
	STH 32	USH 45 in Three Lakes	MI Line in Land O'Lakes
	STH 33	STH 80 in Union Center	STH 32 in Port Washington
	STH 34	STH 13 in Wisconsin Rapids	USH 51 N.E. of Knowlton

(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 10 day
of October, 1996.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Thompson", written over a horizontal line.

CHARLES H. THOMPSON

Secretary

Wisconsin Department of Transportation



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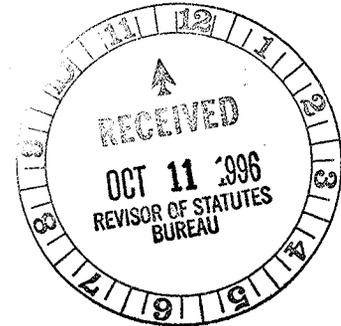
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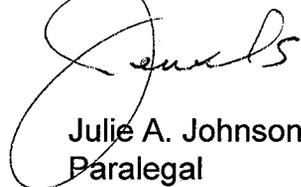
RE: **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 96-117**

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 96-117**, an administrative rule relating to the above-mentioned matter.

Sincerely,


Julie A. Johnson
Paralegal

Enclosures

cc: Ann Agnew
Dorothy Kapke
Jim McDonnell
Jim Gruendler
Mark Morrison