

October 12, 2010

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Dear Ms. Llewellyn:

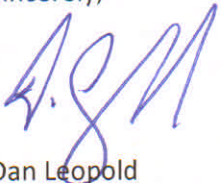
This letter is in follow up to my letter to you dated May 19, 2010. We have made a positive move forward with regard to the registration of Wreckers (Tow Trucks) in Nova Scotia.

After discussion with our Vehicle Weights and Dimensions group (TIR), as well as the Registry of Motor Vehicles (SNSMR), we have made the following change in the narrative on the reverse side of vehicle permits displaying *Vehicle Condition 103 (Service Truck)*.

For highway removal purposes only, this vehicle is authorized to move on a highway with a steering axle weight up to 8,000 kg, a single axle weight up to 11,340 kg, a tandem axle weight up to 22,700 kg, and a tandem axle with a tag axle weight up to 29,500 kg, but not greater than the manufacturer's axle weight ratings.

I trust this addresses the issue of permitting as discussed in your letter dated March 23, 2010. Should you wish to discuss this further you may contact me directly at (902) 424-3602.

Sincerely,



Dan Leopold
Manager, Vehicle Compliance

CC: Hon. Bill Estabrooks, Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

May 19, 2010

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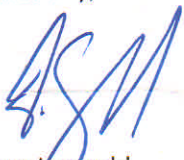
Dear Ms. Llewellyn:

Thank you for your letter dated March 23, 2010 regarding wrecking trucks contained in a policy directive dated October 29, 1992 issued by the then Department of Transportation and Communications.

We can appreciate the situation facing the operators of tandem wrecking trucks in need of Special Move Permits to complete the roadside recovery of disabled vehicles. We take this matter very seriously and are investigating an amicable solution for all.

Should you wish to discuss this further with me I can be contacted at (902) 424-3602.

Sincerely,



Dan Leopold
Manager, Vehicle Compliance

CC: Honourable Bill Estabrooks, M.B., Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
CC: Honourable Ramona Jennex, Minister, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

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Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

Weight Tolerance Transition Plan

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal announces its 3 year transition plan for the removal of weight tolerance.

A, B, and C train doubles, 6-axle tractor semi-trailers on B-train Routes, a number of truck and trailer combinations with 6, 7 or 8 axles who previously had their weight reduced from national standards because of regulated tolerance, had the weight restored to proper levels on January 1, 2008. There is no gross vehicle weight transition for these vehicles.

The maximum weight on All Other Highways was increased from 38,500 kg to 41,500 kg to account for the removal of regulated tolerance. There is no transition for gross vehicle weights greater than 41,500 kg for vehicles on these roads.

Effective January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Enforcement officers will be provided with automatic officer discretion of 500 kg per axle with the upper limit dependent on the number of axles on the vehicle or vehicle combination.

Heavy front end tractors, model year 2002 and earlier, will continue to be recognized for the extra weight capacity of the steering axle.

For vehicles and roads that had their weight increased in the Regulations, there will be automatic officer discretion of 500 kg on an axle, but there will be no automatic officer discretion for gross vehicle weight. There will be, however, officer discretion on gross vehicle weight to a maximum of 1,500 kg for exceptional circumstances only.

Effective January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Enforcement officers will be provided with automatic officer discretion of 500 kg per axle to maximum of 2,000 kg.

Heavy front end tractors, model year 2002 and earlier, will continue to be recognized for the extra weight capacity of the steering axle.

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Effective January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

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The extra weight capacity of heavy front end tractors, model year 2002 and earlier, will no longer be recognized.

For vehicles and roads that had their weight increased in the Regulations, there will be automatic officer discretion of 500 kg on an axle, but there is no automatic officer discretion for gross vehicle weight. There will be, however, officer discretion on gross vehicle weight to a maximum of 1,500 kg for exceptional circumstances only.

Effective January 1, 2011

There will be no automatic officer discretion on any axle weight or any gross vehicle weight. There will be, however, officer discretion of 500 kg per axle or axle group to a maximum of 1,500 kg for exceptional circumstances only.

At all times there will be no officer discretion above manufacturer's maximum weight ratings for axles, tires, and all other vehicle components, and for the vehicle itself.

Tractors hauling double trailer combinations will need to be re-registered for the increased maximum gross vehicle weights. Until Service Nova Scotia has made the necessary registration changes drivers will not be penalized for having vehicle permits that do not have the new maximum gross vehicle weights.

Full details and examples of the transition plan can be found at: www.gov.ns.ca/tran/trucking/transitionplan.pdf

August 11, 2008

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