

**(15) Super Heavy and Large Load Movement.** Loads in excess of routine permit limits will be considered according to the following regulations when air, rail, or water terminal points are not available:

(A) All permit applications with dimensions or weights exceeding the routine limits of the preceding oversize and overweight permit rule (generally in excess of sixteen feet (16') wide, sixteen feet (16') high, one hundred fifty feet (150') long and/or over one hundred sixty thousand (160,000) pounds gross weight) shall be submitted by fax or online, along with proof of insurance. A minimum of four hundred twenty-five dollars (\$425) may be required in escrow (to cover the cost of a bridge analysis) before an application can be processed. Applications for this type of move are available on request or online. The applicant should allow at least two (2) weeks for a route evaluation. If any problems exist that may prevent the move from reaching its destination over the state highway system, the application will not be approved;

(B) The applicant may be required to provide a traffic control plan, sketches, or additional information for complex moves. One (1) lane for oncoming traffic must be open and clear for two- (2-) lane highways and one (1) lane for both oncoming and following traffic must be open on four- (4-) lane highways. If open lanes cannot be provided, a detour may be proposed;

(C) If the loaded height exceeds seventeen feet (17'), the applicant shall provide a written document from the appropriate utility company indicating approval to disturb aerial lines across the route;

(D) If the gross vehicle weight exceeds three hundred fifty thousand (350,000) pounds, an additional power unit must accompany the load and will be considered part of the vehicle configuration when conducting roadway and bridge structure analyses. For moves limited in length, this requirement may be waived at the discretion of Motor Carrier Services;

(E) If it is necessary to adjust, modify, or remove state-owned property such as signal and sign mast arms, flashers, signs, etc., a qualified contractor approved by the Missouri Department of Transportation shall be hired by the applicant to perform the necessary adjustment or removal and replacement;

(F) Restrictions and Requirements.

1. Travel on interstate and other divided highways allowed from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset except where restricted in tourist and urban areas (see subsections (9)(D) and (9)(E)) and as prohibited by holiday restrictions in subsection (1)(I).

2. No movement from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on all other routes on the state highway system.

3. Travel is allowed on Saturday and Sunday for moves fourteen

feet (14') wide and less, and no movement is allowed on Saturday and Sunday in tourist areas (see subsection (9)(D)).

4. Unless otherwise stated on the permit, dates and times of travel will be determined by the Missouri State Highway Patrol if the load requires their escort services;

(G) Escort Requirements. If Missouri State Highway Patrol escorts are required for a continuous portion of the move but not the entire move, they are only required for that portion. If the patrol escort is required for an intermittent portion of the move, they will be required to escort the entire move. In addition to escort requirements as outlined in subsection (9)(G), the following requirements apply to super heavy and large load movements:

1. One (1) front and one (1) rear civilian escort is required for all superloads in excess of 350,000 lbs.;

2. One (1) front civilian escort is required for all superloads on two-lane highways, except;

3. If a load is required to cross bridge structures at crawl speed in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas, then one (1) front and two (2) rear civilian escorts are required for that portion of the move;

4. One (1) front and two (2) rear civilian escorts are required on all sections of dual lane highways traversed if load exceeds sixteen feet (16') wide and Missouri State Highway Patrol escorts are not present. If Missouri State Highway Patrol escorts are present, one (1) front and one (1) rear civilian escort is required. In addition to the civilian escorts required above;

5. Missouri State Highway Patrol escorts are required when load exceeds:

A. Sixteen feet (16') wide on any highway other than interstate or MO 370;

B. Eighteen feet (18') wide on interstate or MO 370;

C. One hundred fifty feet (150') overall length on any highway;

D. Seventeen feet (17') high on any highway;

E. Any time deemed necessary due to complexity of route or load.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol may conduct a Level I inspection prior to performing escort services. Motor Carrier Services may, at their discretion, waive Missouri State Highway Patrol escort requirement or allow the substitution of local or military law enforcement in the place of Missouri State Highway Patrol escorts;

(H) All future permitting authority for a carrier may be revoked if the Missouri State Highway Patrol, local or military law enforcement agencies acting as escorts are not reimbursed for superload escorting services;

(I) Generally the maximum weight allowed on any single axle shall be twenty-two thousand four hundred (22,400) pounds for

all moves classified under this section. All axles on the hauling unit must be load carrying with a maximum degree of equalization. The Missouri Department of Transportation shall determine whether or not the hauling unit, number of axles, and axle arrangements are acceptable. In all cases the maximum axle loads, gross weight, and overall dimensions allowed will be determined by the Missouri Department of Transportation according to section 304.200 of the Missouri Revised Statutes and/or the load carrying capacity of the roadway and structures on the proposed route;

(J) Before and after studies will be conducted of the highways and bridges traversed by the movement and any resulting damages shall be repaired at the expense of the permittee as directed by the Missouri Department of Transportation.