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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Stephanie King, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

FROM:

April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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DATE:

December 12, 2023

RE:

Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities regulations re: Commercial Vehicle

Compliance (17 AAC 25.010-.900)

Attorney General File:

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December 11, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom Lieutenant Governor State of Alaska P.O. Box 110015 Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: 17 AAC 25.010-.900: DOTPF - Commercial Vehicle Compliance

Our file: 2023200169

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations update requirements for commercial vehicle compliance and update federal commercial vehicle compliance regulations adopted by reference.

The October 5, 2023, public notice and the December 3, 2023, adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We made a few technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rebecca C. Digitally signed by Rebecca C. Polizzotto

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ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

The attached 4 pages of regulations, dealing with commercial vehicle compliance, are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities adopts under the authority of AS 44.62 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Although no public comments were received, the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Ryan Anderson, Commissioner Department of Transportation & Public **Facilities**

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

December 12, 2023, at 2:15 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

January 11, 2024 249, April 2024 Effective:

Register:

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.

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NANCY DAHLSTROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The introductory language of 17 AAC 25.012(c) is amended to read:

(c) The following maximum lengths may not be exceeded on National Highway System (NHS) routes listed on the State of Alaska's National Highway System map, revised as of October 27, 2020 [IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICATION ENTITLED STATE OF ALASKA, NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM MAPS, DATED APRIL 2006], and adopted by reference:

(Eff. 8/13/95, Register 135; am 10/7/2001, Register 160; am 11/16/2004, Register 172; am 12/31/2006, Register 180; am 4/9/2009, Register 190; am 12/30/2010, Register 196; am 11/26/2015, Register 216; am 12/6/2018, Register 228; am 1 / 11 / 2024, Register 248)

Authority:

AS 19.05.010

AS 19.10.060 AS 44.42.030

AS 19.05.020

AS 44.42.020 AS 45.75.050

AS 19.05.040

Editor's note: The State of Alaska's National Highway System map may be viewed online at

https://akdot.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=b6c45b88412e48659e5 d1ab7d8e187c3 [A COPY OF THE PUBLICATION ENTITLED STATE OF ALASKA, NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM MAPS, ADOPTED BY REFERENCE IN 17 AAC 25.012, IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, DIVISION OF MEASUREMENT STANDARDS AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT, HUFFMAN BUSINESS PARK, SUITE 2, BUILDING M, 11900 INDUSTRY WAY, ANCHORAGE, AK 99515-3512.

A COPY MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED AT

HTTP://WWW.DOT.STATE.AK.US/STWDPLNG/MAPPING/DATAPRODUCTS/NHS_MAP SET2006FINAL.PDF].

The introductory language of 17 AAC 25.013(a)(5) is amended to read:

(5) if the combination is a <u>truck tractor</u> [TRUCK-TRACTOR] and single semitrailer combination where the length of the semitrailer is 48 feet or more, the weight on a three-axle group on the semitrailer may not exceed, and the distance between the axles may not be less than the following:

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17 AAC 25.013(d) is amended to read:

(d) Between October 1 and April 15 [MARCH 31], shifting of legal axle weights set out in (a)(4) and (5) of this section is allowed for one, two, and three drive axle groupings on power vehicles traveling on the Steese, Elliott, Dalton, and Richardson Highways between North Pole and Prudhoe Bay, or between North Pole and MP 30 of the Steese Highway. The shifted weight on these drive axle groupings may not exceed 2,000 pounds per axle. The legal allowable gross weight on a vehicle or combination of vehicles may not exceed the maximum weight as determined by methods set out in this section. An overweight permit is not required for shifting additional weight to the drive axle group during the period defined. Traction weight shifting is not allowed for a power vehicle traveling under an overweight permit. Vehicle combinations operating with traction weight [TRACTION-WEIGHT] shifting on the power vehicle will be allowed reasonable right of access to and from the Steese, Elliott, and Dalton Highways, when

traveling between Fairbanks and Prudhoe Bay, to reach or return from terminals and facilities for food, fuel, and rest, if the vehicle uses the most direct truck route whenever possible and moves not [NO] farther than five miles from the most direct route between North Pole and Fox. All movement within organized municipalities and boroughs is subject to local ordinances in addition to the requirements of this chapter.

17 AAC 25.013 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

- (h) The weight limitations set out in this section do not apply to a covered heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicle. In this subsection, "covered heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicle" means a vehicle that
- (1) is transporting a disabled vehicle from the place where that vehicle became disabled to the nearest appropriate repair facility; and
- (2) has a gross vehicle weight that is equal to or exceeds the gross vehicle weight of the disabled vehicle being transported. (Eff. 8/13/95, Register 135; am 10/7/2001, Register 160; am 12/31/2006, Register 180; am 4/9/2009, Register 190; am 12/30/2010, Register 196; am 4/12/2013, Register 206; am 11/26/2015, Register 216; am 12/6/2018, Register 228; am

1 / 11 / 2024, Register 248)

Authority: AS 19.05.010 AS 19.10.060 AS 44.42.030

AS 19.05.020 AS 44.42.020 AS 45.75.050

AS 19.05.040

The introductory language of 17 AAC 25.014(c) is amended to read:

(c) A long combination vehicle, consisting of a truck and one cargo-carrying vehicle, a

<u>truck tractor</u> [TRUCK-TRACTOR] and one cargo-carrying vehicle, or a <u>truck tractor</u>
[TRUCK-TRACTOR] and two cargo-carrying vehicles, whose overall length does not exceed 95
feet may operate upon the

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The introductory language of 17 AAC 25.014(d) is amended to read:

(d) A long combination vehicle configured in a **truck tractor** [TRUCK-TRACTOR] and a triple cargo-carrying vehicle combination may operate only on the Glenn and Parks Highways, AK-1 and AK-3, between Anchorage and Fairbanks during the period from May 1 through September 30 of each year by permit issued under this chapter, with notice provided by the applicant to municipalities along the route, if

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(Eff. 8/13/95, Register 135; am 10/7/2001, Register 160; am 11/16/2004, Register 172; am 12/31/2006, Register 180; am 4/9/2009, Register 190; am 4/12/2013, Register 206; am 11/26/2015, Register 216; am 1 / 11 / 2024, Register 248)

Authority: AS 19.05.010 AS 19.10.060 AS 44.42.030
AS 19.05.020 AS 44.42.020 AS 45.75.050
AS 19.05.040

17 AAC 25.015(b) is amended to read:

(b) A saddlemount combination with an overall length not exceeding 97 feet may operate on the state highway system and may include one full mount in the combination. The saddlemount combination must be in compliance with 23 C.F.R. 658.13, revised as of April 1,

Register 249, 4201 TRANS. AND PUBLIC FACILITIES 2021 [2017] and adopted by reference.

17 AAC 25.015(c) is amended to read:

(c) An automobile carrier may operate on the state highway system under the requirements of 23 C.F.R. 658.13, revised as of April 1, 2021 [2017] and adopted by reference.

17 AAC 25.015(d) is amended to read:

(d) A boat transporter may operate on the state highway system under the requirements of 23 C.F.R. 658.13, revised as of April 1, **2021** [2017] and adopted by reference.

(Eff. 8/13/95, Register 135; am 10/7/2001, Register 160; am 12/31/2006, Register 180; am 4/9/2009, Register 190; am 12/30/2010, Register 196; am 12/6/2018, Register 228; am

 Authority:
 AS 19.05.010
 AS 19.10.060
 AS 44.42.030

 AS 19.05.020
 AS 44.42.020
 AS 45.75.050

AS 19.05.040

The introductory language of 17 AAC 25.200(a) is amended to read:

17 AAC 25.200. Transportation of hazardous materials, hazardous substances, or hazardous wastes. (a) A person driving a commercial motor vehicle, or a company whose business involves the operation of a commercial motor vehicle[,] upon a highway or vehicular way or area, shall comply with the transportation of hazardous materials, hazardous substances, or hazardous waste regulations adopted by the United States Department of Transportation and contained in the following provisions, as revised as of March 15, 2023 [OCTOBER 1, 2018] and

adopted by reference, except as otherwise provided in (b) of this section:

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(Eff. 11/16/2004, Register 172; am 12/31/2006, Register 180; am 4/9/2009, Register 190; am 12/30/2010, Register 196; am 4/12/2013, Register 206; am 11/26/2015, Register 216; am 12/6/2018, Register 228; am 4/4/2020, Register 234; am 1 / 11 / 2024, Register 248)

Authority: AS 19.05.010 AS 19.10.060 AS 19.10.340

AS 19.05.020 AS 19.10.310 AS 19.10.370

AS 19.05.040

Editor's note: The address and telephone number for giving the notice required under 17 AAC 25.200(b)(6) - (7), (c), or (e) is State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle Compliance [ENFORCEMENT], 11900 Industry Way, Building M, Suite 2, Anchorage, AK 99515-3567; telephone: (907) 365-1210.

The introductory language of 17 AAC 25.210(a) is amended to read:

17 AAC 25.210. Safe operation of commercial motor vehicles. (a) A person driving a commercial motor vehicle, or a company whose business involves the operation of a commercial motor vehicle[,] upon a highway or vehicular way or area, shall comply with the regulations relating to the management, maintenance, operation, or driving of commercial motor vehicles, adopted by the United States Department of Transportation and contained in the following provisions, as revised as of <u>March 15, 2023</u> [OCTOBER 1, 2018] and adopted by reference, except as otherwise provided in (b) of this section:

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17 AAC 25.210(b)(7) is amended to read:

(7) 49 C.F.R. 396.9(b) is revised to read: "The [STATE OF ALASKA COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT] *Driver/Vehicle Examination Report* form or another division-approved form shall be used to record the results of a motor vehicle inspection conducted by an enforcement officer."

(Eff. 11/16/2004, Register 172; am 12/31/2006, Register 180; am 4/9/2009, Register 190; am 12/30/2010, Register 196; am 4/12/2013; Register 206; am 11/26/2015, Register 216; am 12/6/2018, Register 228; am 4/4/2020, Register 234; am 1 / 11 / 2024, Register 248)

Authority: AS 19.05.010 AS 19.10.060 AS 19.10.340

AS 19.05.020 AS 19.10.310 AS 19.10.370

AS 19.05.040

Editor's note: The website for electronic filing with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety

Administration (FMCSA) is https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov/UrsRegistrationWizard/

[WWW.FMCSA.DOT.GOV/URS]. Questions relating to the motor carrier identification report form may be directed to FMCSA at 1-800-832-5660.

(((Note to Publisher: the second editor's note after 17 AAC 25.210 is unchanged.)))

17 AAC 25.220(a) is amended to read:

17 AAC 25.220. Hours of service. (a) A person driving a commercial motor vehicle, or a company whose business involves the operation of a commercial motor vehicle[,] upon a highway or vehicular way or area, shall comply with the regulations relating to the management, operation, or driving of commercial motor vehicles, adopted by the United States Department of Transportation and contained in the provisions of 49 C.F.R. Part 395 (hours of service of

drivers), as revised as of <u>March 15, 2023</u>[OCTOBER 1, 2018] and adopted by reference, except as provided in (b) of this section.

17 AAC 25.220(b)(3) is amended to read:

(3) 49 C.F.R. 395.13(c)(2) is revised to read: "A motor carrier shall complete the carrier certification portion of [STATE OF ALASKA COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT] Driver/Vehicle Examination Report form and deliver the copy of the form [EITHER] personally, by electronic mail, or by mail to the division not later than [WITHIN] 15 working days following the date of examination. If the motor carrier mails the form, delivery is considered made on the day it is postmarked.";

(Eff. 11/16/2004, Register 172; am 12/31/2006, Register 180; am 4/9/2009, Register 190; am 12/30/2010, Register 196, am 4/12/2013, Register 206; am 11/26/2015, Register 216; am 12/6/2018, Register 228; am 4/4/2020, Register 234; am 1/1/2024, Register 248)

Authority: AS 19.05.010 AS 19.05.040 AS 19.10.370

AS 19.05.020 AS 19.10.060

Editor's note: The address for submitting the certification of compliance portion of the [STATE OF ALASKA COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT] Driver/Vehicle Examination Report form, as required under 17 AAC 25.220 is State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle Compliance [ENFORCEMENT], 11900 Industry Way, Building M, Suite 2, Anchorage, Alaska 99515-3567.

17 AAC 25.320(b) is amended to read:

(b) As conditions for a permit issued under (a)(1) or (2) of this section, the

department may [IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN (a) OF THIS SECTION ARE MET, THE DEPARTMENT WILL, AS CONDITIONS FOR A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER (a)(1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION,] establish time limitations for movement, designate routes, limit the number of trips, or otherwise restrict the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles and loads. The movement of permitted oversize or overweight vehicles or loads must comply with the conditions of the permit and the requirements for towing vehicles, pilot cars, warning signs and lights, hours of darkness, and other safety considerations specified in the department's *Administrative Permit Manual: Oversize and Overweight Permits*, revised as of April 2023 [FEBRUARY 2019,] and adopted by reference.

17 AAC 25.320(c)(5) is amended to read:

(5) vehicles or loads with <u>an</u> [A REAR] overhang that exceeds 10 feet;
(Eff. 10/7/2001, Register 160; am 11/16/2004, Register 172; am 12/31/2006, Register 180; am 12/30/2010, Register 196, am 4/12/2013, Register 206; am 11/26/2015, Register 216; am 12/6/2018, Register 228; am 4/4/2020, Register 234; am <u>l / ll / 2024</u>, Register <u>248</u>)

Authority: AS 19.05.010 AS 19.10.060 AS 44.42.030

AS 19.05.020 AS 44.42.020 <u>AS 45.75.050</u>

AS 19.05.040

Editor's note: Copies of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities'

Administrative Permit Manual: Oversize and Overweight Permits, adopted by reference in

17 AAC 25.320, are available for inspection at the offices of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle Compliance

[ENFORCEMENT], 11900 Industry Way, Building M, Suite 2, Anchorage, Alaska 99515, or may be viewed at http://dot.alaska.gov/mscve/.

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle **Compliance** [ENFORCEMENT], Commercial Vehicle Customer Service Center is located at 11900 Industry Way, Building M, Suite 2, Anchorage, Alaska, telephone: 907-365-1200.

17 AAC 25.400(a) is amended to read:

17 AAC 25.400. Unified Carrier Registration program requirements. (a) To own or operate a commercial motor vehicle <u>in this state</u> as a motor carrier or motor private carrier, or [TO] provide services as a freight forwarder, broker, or leasing company[,] in interstate commerce[, IN THIS STATE], a company or individual shall register annually in the Unified Carrier Registration [(UCR)] program established under 49 U.S.C. 14504a.

17 AAC 25.400(b) is amended to read:

(b) Each registration must be accompanied by a fee, the amount of which will be determined annually by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation under 49 U.S.C. 14504a. Registration fees [FEES] for Unified Carrier Registration [UCR REGISTRATION] will be published by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration under 49 C.F.R. Part 367 (standards for registration with states) [DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES]. Annual fees must be paid directly through the Unified Carrier Registration National Registration System. [TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES OR THROUGH A NATIONAL OR

Register 249, April 2024 TRANS. AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

REGIONAL ELECTRONIC SYSTEM APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.]

17 AAC 25.400(c) is amended to read:

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(c) An enforcement officer <u>may</u> [SHALL] order that movement of a vehicle be stopped if <u>a</u> [THE] registrant fails to pay the fee required under (b) of this section. If <u>a vehicle</u> ordered to stop [ITS] movement, the driver of the vehicle shall move the vehicle to a location specified by the enforcement officer. The stop movement order remains in effect until the registrant provides proof of payment of the fees. (Eff. 4/9/2009, Register 190; am 4/12/2013, Register 206; am

Authority: AS 19.05.010 AS 19.05.040 AS 44.42.020

AS 19.05.020 AS 19.10.060 AS 44.42.030

Editor's note: [THE ADDRESS FOR REGISTERING IN PERSON OR BY MAIL, AS REQUIRED UNDER 17 AAC 25.400 IS STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, DIVISION OF MEASUREMENT STANDARDS AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT, COMMERCIAL VEHICLE CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER, 11900 INDUSTRY WAY, BUILDING M, SUITE 2, ANCHORAGE, AK 99515. THE FACSIMILE NUMBER FOR FILING A UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION FORM IS (907) 365-1243.]The approved Internet website[SITE] for annual registration [ELECTRONIC FILING] is www.ucr.gov[WWW.UCR.IN.GOV].

Questions relating to the [THE] Unified Carrier Registration program can be directed
totology[FORM IS AVAILABLE FROM] the Commercial Vehicle Customer Service Center [AT THE ABOVE-NOTED ADDRESS, OR MAY BE REQUESTED] by calling (907) 365-1200.[THE

FORM MAY ALSO BE DOWNLOADED FROM

HTTP://WWW.DOT.STATE.AK.US/MSCVE.]

17 AAC 25.900(9) is amended to read:

(9) "division" means the division of measurement standards and commercial vehicle **compliance** [ENFORCEMENT] within the department;

17 AAC 25.900(10) is amended to read:

(10) "dromedary" means a box, tank, deck, or plate that does not exceed 10 feet in length, and that may be used to carry cargo on a **truck tractor** [TRUCK-TRACTOR];

17 AAC 25.900(31) is amended to read:

(31) "power vehicle" means a truck, a <u>truck tractor</u> [TRUCK-TRACTOR], or another vehicle capable of towing a cargo-carrying vehicle;

17 AAC 25.900(45)(B) is amended to read:

(B) pole trailer, which is any motor vehicle designed to be drawn by another motor vehicle and attached to the towing motor vehicle by means of a """reach" or "pole," or by being "boomed" or otherwise secured to the towing vehicle, for transporting long or irregulary shaped loads such as poles, pipes, or structural members that generally are capable of sustaining themselves as beams between supporting connections; or

17 AAC 25.900(45)(C) is amended to read:

(C) semitrailer, which is any vehicle, other than a pole trailer, designed to be drawn by another <u>motor</u> vehicle and is constructed so that some part of its weight rests upon the self propelled towing vehicle; [.]

17 AAC 25.900(46) is amended to read:

(46) "truck" means any self-propelled commercial motor vehicle except a truck tractor, designed or used for the transportation of property [A MOTORIZED CARGO-CARRYING VEHICLE THAT IS DESIGNED, USED, OR MAINTAINED PRIMARILY FOR THE MOVEMENT OF A LOAD; "TRUCK" INCLUDES A VEHICLE THAT PULLS TRAILERS OR SEMITRAILERS];

17 AAC 25.900(47) is amended to read:

(47) "truck tractor" ["TRUCK-TRACTOR"] means a self-propelled commercial motor vehicle designed or used primarily for drawing other vehicles [A MOTORIZED VEHICLE DESIGNED AND USED PRIMARILY FOR PULLING CARGO-CARRYING VEHICLES; HOWEVER, "TRUCK-TRACTOR" INCLUDES A TRUCK-TRACTOR WITH A DROMEDARY];

(Eff. 8/13/95, Register 135; am 10/7/2001, Register 160; am 11/16/2004, Register 172; am 4/9/2009, Register 190; am 12/30/2010, Register 196; am 12/6/2018, Register 228; am

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