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RE: Recent amendments to Ontario Regulation 413/05, Vehicle Weights and Dimensions (VWD) for Safe, Productive, and Infrastructure-Friendly (SPIF) Vehicles

We are pleased to advise you that the Ministry has obtained approval to modify Regulation 413/05 – Vehicle Weight and Dimensions for Safe, Productive and Infrastructure-Friendly (SPIF) Vehicles.

Effective July 1, 2019, Ontario Regulation 413/05 will be amended to eliminate the special vehicle configuration permits currently required to operate long wheelbase tractors, longer saddlemounts, and trailers equipped with smart lift axles. In addition, the amendments would empower industry to use some alternative applications of existing technologies and new technologies improving operational efficiency. Increasing operational flexibility of truck fleets and reducing operational costs are the main impacts.

More specifically the modifications would also allow:

- The same tire weight allowance extended to wide based single tires as to dual tires when mounted on single axles;
- Loading of boats in stinger-steer auto carriers under the same weight and dimensional limits;
- Modify the conditions to allow the use of an Emergency Lift Axle Override, so to lift the self-steering axle in emergency situations improving the general safety operation of the truck.

Additional details will be available on the ministry's website at:
<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/index.shtml>.

Questions about these changes may be directed to cvor@ontario.ca or 1-800-387-7736 (within Ontario) or 1-416-246-7166.

Please share this information with members of your organization. I personally want to thank you for your support and assistance with this initiative.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian Freeman".

Ian Freeman
Director