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GENERAL:

- Background:
  Per New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law section 385.4 (b) 3., “combination vehicles hauling poles, girders, columns, or other similar objects of great length provided that any such vehicle complies with the safety requirements of the laws and regulations of the United States and of this state pertaining to such overlength vehicles,” are exempt from needing a Special Hauling permit provided no other dimension is exceeded and all axle, grouping and gross weights do not exceed legal limits as per New York State Vehicle and Traffic Laws Section 385. (8 – 10)

- Purpose:
  Clarify through interpretation of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law section 385.4 (b) 3. that this exemption of length only applies to the legal length of the combination of vehicles transporting the load. This exemption does NOT apply to the individual vehicles that are part of the combination.

- Interpretation:
  - Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 385.4. (a) states that the “total length of a combination of vehicles, inclusive of load and bumpers, shall not be more than sixty-five feet.”
  - 385.4. (b) states; “The provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall not apply to.” See 385.4. (b) 3. for exemption.
  - Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 385.3. (a) states that “The total length of a single vehicle, inclusive of load and bumpers, shall not be more than forty feet unless otherwise provided in this subdivision”
  - Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 385.3. (b) states that “The length of a semi trailer or trailer shall not exceed forty-eight feet…….” Section 385.3. (e) states that “….any semitrailer with a length in excess of forty-eight feet, but not exceeding fifty-three feet, may be operated on any qualifying highway or specifically designated access highway…..”
385.4. (b) 3 only applies to Section 385.4. (a), which governs the overall length of a combination of vehicles. It does not apply to Sections 385.3. (a), 385.3. (b) and 385.3. (e) which governs the length of single unit vehicles and trailers.

NEW POLICY:

- **Explanation:**
  Carriers hauling such loads as identified above shall not need a Special Hauling Permit if no other legal dimension or legal weights are exceeded and no vehicle within the combination exceed legal lengths as defined in Sections 385.3. (a), (b) and (e) of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Carriers hauling such loads as identified above with a vehicle(s) that exceed legal lengths as defined in Sections 385.3. (a), (b) and (e) of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law must obtain a Special Hauling Permit.

- **Effective Date:** 4/16/07

REFERENCE:

1. See Drawings – Pages 3-4
LEGAL VEHICLE - NO PERMIT NEEDED

VEHICLE MUST BE OF LEGAL WEIGHT
FOR OVERHANG OF GREATER THAN 4 FT.: 24 IN X 24 IN RED OR ORANGE FLOUESCENT FLAG ON END FOR DAYLIGHT OPERATION
RED LIGHT ON REAR FOR NIGHT OPERATION

NO OVERALL LENGTH LIMIT
MAX. TRAILER LENGTH = 48 FT. (ALL HIGHWAYS)
MAX. TRAILER LENGTH = 53 FT. (QUALIFYING & ACCESS HWYS.)

NO LIMIT
OVERHANG

VEHICLE NEEDING PERMIT

STRETCH TRAILER WHICH IS GREATER THAN 48 OR 53 FT.
REQUIRES PERMIT DUE TO TRAILER LENGTH
LIMITED TO 1/3 BED LENGTH
NO OVERALL LENGTH LIMIT

OVERHANG

Note:
The Kingpin distance of 53’ trailers shall not exceed 43 feet from the center of the kingpin to the centerline of the rear axle.
VEHICLE NEEDING PERMIT

POLE IS CONSIDERED PART OF TRAILER

POLE

CONSIDERED TRAILER LENGTH

65 FT. (GREATER THAN 48 OR 53 FT THEREFORE REQUIRES PERMIT)

NO OVERALL LENGTH LIMIT

LEGAL VEHICLE - NO PERMIT NEEDED

MAX. TRAILER LENGTH = 48 FT. (ALL HIGHWAYS)

MAX. TRAILER LENGTH = 53 FT. (QUALIFYING & ACCESS HWYS.)

NO OVERALL LENGTH LIMIT

Note:
The Kingpin distance of 53’ trailers shall not exceed 43 feet from the center of the kingpin to the centerline of the rear axle.