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GENERAL:

- Background:
  The Department requires a physical route survey for all vehicles at or over 14’-0”, high, 100’-0” long, and 16’ wide. The Department relies on route surveys to determine if a vehicle can physically traverse the route chosen. Frequent comments from enforcement have raised concerns regarding the quality of route surveys. When enforcement responds to accidents or problems associated with routing, they observe that routing problems should have been identified during the performance of the route survey. The result being the perception that route surveys are not physically performed.

  Currently, requirements or restrictions regarding who can perform route surveys are limited to modular home movements. The lack of any standards brings into question the qualifications of the route surveyor and whether they possess the necessary routing knowledge and equipment (in particular for height surveys, which normally are done with a height pole) needed to perform route surveys. To address these concerns a route survey must be performed and certified by a New York State Certified Escort effective January 1, 2009. By adding this requirement, it is hoped that NYS certified escorts with knowledge of oversized moves and Department requirements are using this knowledge to assess the feasibility of using the route being proposed.

  Another reason for this policy change is to provide the ability to track the number of inaccurate route surveys performed by a particular individual. An oversize move using an inaccurate route survey presents a danger to the traveling public as well as the state’s infrastructure. If a route surveyor submits an inaccurate route survey to the Department the route surveyor will be subject to penalties including fines and loss of
escorting and route survey privileges.

- **Purpose:**
  To improve the safety of the motoring public impacted by oversize moves through limiting those eligible to perform route surveys to knowledgeable NYS certified escorts, and to hold route surveyors accountable for inaccurate route surveys submitted to the Department.

- **Administration:**
  Effective January 1, 2009 this new policy shall take effect. Surveys submitted must conform to the new policy described below, and must be on the new Route Survey form dated 10/08.

NEW POLICY:

- **Explanation:**
  All route surveys submitted to the Department on or after January 1, 2009 must be performed by a New York State Certified Escort. Surveys must be submitted using a new route survey form which includes the Escort ID number and driver’s license number of the person who performed the route survey. Any applications that are submitted with an old route survey form or a form that is not fully completed will be rejected.

- **Effective Date – 1/1/2009**

REFERENCE:

1. Route Survey Form dated 10/08