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## NBDOT launches expanded online permit service

The Department of Transportation wishes to announce the expansion of online permit services for oversized and/or overweight loads transported in New Brunswick.

The expansion of SNB Online provides a catalogue of applications for all oversized and/or overweight load permits that can be applied and paid for using Visa or MasterCard through Service New Brunswick (SNB) Online at <http://www.snb.ca>.

As of July 1, 2005 Over-the-counter manual permits are no longer issued.

Upon your request the Special Permit office in Fredericton will prepare your permit and fax it to you directly or to a District office, stationary scale or Service New Brunswick office, and you can pay for it there.

Your local DOT District office processes applications for large building moves permits. Standard oversized trip, quarterly or annual permits are also issued at District offices and stationary scales.

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding these changes, please contact the Special Permit office at 506-453-2982.

### [Have a question?](#)

Send us an e-mail using our special e-mail address for truckers!  
[special.permits@gnb.ca](mailto:special.permits@gnb.ca)



## New Trans-Canada Highway project Web site



A website dedicated to the completion of the twinning of the New Brunswick Trans-Canada Highway, Pokiok and Longs Creek and Grand Falls and Woodstock, is now accessible from the New Brunswick Department of Transportation website: <http://www.gnb.ca>, keyword: Trans-Canada Highway.

## Saving lives with stronger trailer guards

OTTAWA – Transport Canada is requiring trailer manufacturers to build stronger rear impact guards to better protect people in vehicles involved in rear-end collisions with transport trailers.

Amendments to the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations require large, newly manufactured transport trailers to be equipped with rear impact guards to prevent vehicles from sliding under the rear of the trailer in rear-end collisions.

This type of accident is estimated to be responsible for over 20 fatalities and more than 100 injuries in Canada each year. The amendments took effect October 6, 2005.

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/mediaroom/releases/nat/2004/04-h053e.htm>

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## Amendments to NB Regulation 2001-67

New Brunswick Regulation 2001-67, under the Motor Vehicle Act, has been amended.

Truck-tractors that are of a model year of 2002 or earlier, with a wheel base exceeding 6.2 m, but that comply with the configuration and interaxle spacing requirements set out in Schedule A of the New Brunswick Regulation 2001-67 under the Motor Vehicle Act, will now be allowed to operate until January 1, 2010.

Trailers and semi-trailers that are model year 2002 and earlier are exempt from wheelbase requirements and will be allowed to operate until January 1, 2010. After that date, they must conform to the minimum 6.25 m wheelbase requirement.

As well, the interaxle spacing for trailers and semi-trailers that are model year 2002 and earlier must conform to the requirements of Appendix C of Regulation 83-42, until January 1, 2010. After January 1, 2010, they must conform to Regulation 2001-67.

Please note that the wheelbase, and interaxle spacing requirements for trailers does apply to all A-train doubles, B-train double and C-train doubles, with the exception of 4-axle B-trains and 7-axle B-trains as depicted in Appendix C of Regulation 83-42. [Appendix C](#)

These amendments were made to harmonize the grandfathering provisions for these vehicles among the Maritime Provinces.  
<http://www.gnb.ca/0062/PDF-regs/2001-67.pdf>.

## Did You Know?



**Did You Know** that a specific weight allowance for the steering axle is not indicated on the majority of commercial vehicle registrations.

Under Regulation 2001-67 of the New Brunswick *Motor Vehicle Act*, weight allowances for most steering axle configurations are included in the GVW.

Some vehicles require more weight on the steer than what is provided under regulation.

You may apply for a specified steer mass to be included in your registration certificate at the time of registration by providing the certificate of a commercial vehicle inspection or a dealer certifying the front tire width and the gross axle mass rating for the vehicle.

A specified steer mass allows for additional weight distribution on the steering axle, however it does not increase the GVW. See sections 7(2) & 7(3) of Regulation 2001-67.  
<http://www.gnb.ca/0062/PDF-regs/2001-67.pdf>.