

Transportation and Public Works

Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Rules

Amendments Effective December 20, 2005

The Department of Transportation and Public Works advises amendments have been made to the *Weights and Dimensions of Vehicles Regulations*, and they came into effect on December 20, 2005.

Weight Tolerance

The removal of automatically applied weight tolerance, originally scheduled for January 1, 2006, has been delayed until January 1, 2007. The 500 kg per axle weight tolerance will continue to be provided by until December 31, 2006.

Other scheduled changes to the *Regulations*, directly associated with the removal of automatically applied weight tolerance, will also be delayed until January 1, 2007.

Heavy Front End Tractors

The grandfathering of heavy front end tractors, model year 2002 and earlier, to allow for an increase in registered gross vehicle weight will continue until December 31, 2006.

Large Recreational Vehicles

Large recreational vehicles are now being included in the same vehicle category as inter-city buses, allowing these recreational vehicles to have a maximum length of 14 metres.

B-train Doubles

The kingpin setback of the second semi-trailer of a B-train double will be limited to a radius of 2 metres, the same as for the lead semi-trailer.

For more information on vehicle weights and dimensions rules, visit the Department of Transportation and Public Works website: www.gov.ns.ca/tran/trucking/vehiclewghtsdims.asp or contact Don Stonehouse, Program Manager, Weights and Dimensions Policy, 902-424-2490, e-mail: stonehdo@gov.ns.ca