General Permit Provisions

1. TIRES

All wheels must be equipped with tires of sufficient size that the gross axle and tandem axle weights of any axle or tandem axle of a vehicle does not exceed 600 pounds per inch of the tire width. Unladen self-propelled or towed construction type equipment fitted with low pressure flotation type tires (15” or larger) permitted 700 pounds per inch of tire width to a maximum of 36,000 pounds single axle or 43,000 pounds tandem axle.

2. PERMITTED WEIGHT

The gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles where the distance between the first and last axles of the vehicle or combination of vehicles is more than 18 feet shall not exceed that determined by the formula \( W = 1200 \times (L + 40) \) wherein \( W \) equals the gross weight in pounds and \( L \) equals the distance in feet between said axles. The gross weight of any group of axles spaced 18 feet or less apart of any vehicle or combination of vehicles operated under this permit shall not exceed that determined by the formula \( W = 1000 \times (L + 40) \).

In no case shall the gross weight exceed:

- Vehicle or combination of vehicles (see permit): 21,500 pounds
- Individual axle: 21,500 pounds
- Tandem axles: 43,000 pounds
- Sum of the permissible axle, tandem axle, or group of axle weights, whichever is less. In a combination of vehicles other than a truck-tractor and semi-trailer, excess weight may be allowed on the towing or towed vehicle but not both, providing the gross weight of the combination of vehicles does not exceed the statutory table of weights or as authorized by ORS 818.060.

3. BRIDGES (SINGLE TRIP PERMITS ONLY)

Whenever a movement authorized by this permit has any axle weight in excess of 21,500 pounds and/or tandem axle weight in excess of 43,000 pounds and/or combination of vehicles gross weight in excess of 98,000:

- Movement shall not exceed 25 MPH on any bridge or structure.
- Movement shall not exceed 5 MPH on any bridge or structure. Movement shall cross bridge or structure by traveling along bridge centerline and all traffic shall be held by flagger/escort until movement has completed crossing of bridge or structure.

4. ROAD AND WEATHER

Movement is not permitted when road surfaces are hazardous due to ice, snow or frost or when visibility is restricted to less than 500 feet by fog, smoke or other atmospheric conditions if the width is in excess of 8 feet 6 inches or if the overall length is in excess of 80 feet.

5. POSTED LOAD LIMITS

The posting of any highway or structure to reduce limits of weights or dimensions shall be to that extent a modification of the weights or dimensions allowed under this permit.

6. IMPAIRED CLEARANCE

Full responsibility for the determination of adequate clearance, both vertical and horizontal, is hereby imposed upon the permittee and the driver of equipment having a width and/or height in excess of the legal limit. When the vertical or horizontal clearance of any bridge or structure is impaired to the extent that full two-way traffic cannot be maintained, the permittee shall provide a pilot vehicle whose duty shall be to prevent approaching vehicles from entering the bridge or structure while it is impaired by the movement covered by this permit.

7. CONVOY MOVEMENT

Unless otherwise endorsed hereon, the convoy movement of two or more overwidth and/or overlength vehicles and/or combinations of vehicles within one-half mile of one another operating under authority of this permit is strictly prohibited.

8. HAULING HOURS AND DAYS

Unless otherwise endorsed hereon, movements having a width in excess of eight feet six inches or an overall length in excess of 80 feet are strictly prohibited during Saturday afternoons, Sundays, Holidays or during the hours of darkness. The particular holidays to which this reservation applies are New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Whenever any of these holidays fall on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be deemed the holiday. When width exceeds 14 feet, movement in the Portland, Salem, Eugene and Medford urban and suburban areas is prohibited between 7 AM and 9 AM, 11 AM and 1 PM and from 4 PM to 6 PM.

9. PILOT VEHICLES

Unless otherwise specified herein, a pilot vehicle may be an automobile, pickup or solo truck of legal size and weight. Combination of vehicles is not authorized. Two-way radio communications between the oversize vehicle and pilot vehicle(s) must be maintained at all times.

10. PILOT VEHICLE OPERATOR DUTIES

It shall be the duty of the pilot vehicle operator to warn approaching or overtaking traffic as the case may be of the hazard occasioned by the movement by the use of approved signaling devices or flags and signs. Pilot vehicles shall, on rural highways, maintain a distance ahead or behind the movement of not less than 300 feet nor more than 500 feet. In cities or in congested areas where traffic is controlled by signals, this distance shall be reduced as may be required to protect the traveling public.
11 **WARNING SIGNS**

Pilot vehicles shall display appropriately to the front or rear, standard signs bearing the words “OVERSIZE LOAD.” Signs shall be five feet wide by 10 inches high with black letters eight inches high with one inch brush stroke in accordance with Federal Highway Administration series B on highway yellow background. Oversize loads and/or towing or hauling vehicles shall display to the front and rear standard signs bearing the words “OVERSIZE LOAD.” Signs shall be seven feet wide by 18 inches high with black letters 10 inches high with one and five eighths inch brush stroke in accordance with Federal Highway Administration series C on highway yellow background. All such signs shall be displayed only during the course of the movement of the oversize load and shall be removed or retracted at all other times. Signs made of mesh or other materials that do not provide a continuous background are not permitted.

12 **BOND - HIGHWAY DAMAGE**

Permittee shall be held responsible and liable for any and all damage to, or destruction of, any highway structure occasioned by the movement over said highways, and hereby agrees to reimburse the Department of Transportation for the cost or expense of repairing or restoring any highway structure damaged or destroyed. Reimbursement to be made by the permittee within 10 days after being billed by the Department of Transportation. When requested to do so, permittee shall furnish the Department either a certified check or a surety bond, in any amount specified by the Department, to guarantee the payment of claim for damages which may result from movement of an unusually large or heavy nature.

13 **INSURANCE**

Permittee shall also be held responsible and liable for any and all injury to persons or damage to property resulting from the movement on said highways, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Oregon, and Oregon Transportation Commission, its members, officers, employees, and agents, jointly and severally, from liability in the event that such injury or damage shall occur. In this connection, the granting authority may require the permittee to furnish to the Department of Transportation evidence of satisfactory public liability and property damage insurance, in amounts as may be required by the Commission, its members, officers, employees, and agents, jointly and severally against liability in the event of any injury or accident occurring by reason of said permittee’s operations on a state highway. This permit shall automatically terminate, and be of no force and effect in the event that any insurance filed under this provision is canceled or is allowed to lapse.

14 **COUNTY ROADS AND CITY STREETS**

Unless specifically noted, this permit does not authorize operations over county roads or city streets. To operate over a county road, a permit must be obtained from the county court having jurisdiction over the road. Likewise, to operate over a city street other than a state highway route, a permit must be obtained from the proper city authority.

15 **AUTHORIZED COMMODITIES**

Undescribed items may be included in addition to the commodity described herein if the weight does not exceed that permitted by statute or resolution. However, such inclusion shall invalidate the corresponding provisions of the permit when it results in any of the following conditions: (a) Width in excess of eight feet because of items loaded side by side or overlapping. (b) Height in excess of 14 feet because of items stacked one on the other.

16 **CANCELLATION**

This permit may be canceled at any time by the granting authority upon satisfactory proof that the permittee has violated any of the terms of the permit, or that the permit was obtained through misrepresentation in the application therefor, or when in the judgment of the granting authority the public interest requires cancellation (ORS 818.220).

17 **INTENT**

This permit is intended only to permit movement of the commodity and/or vehicle(s) described herein and must be carried at all times in the cab of the power unit and shall be available for inspection by any police officer, any representative of the Department of Transportation or the Public Utility Commission. This permit is subject to the terms and conditions attached hereto and made a part hereof pursuant to the provisions of ORS 818.020 to ORS 818.400.

18 **ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The receipt of this permit by the permittee and initiation of any movement authorized thereby shall be deemed acceptance by the permittee of all descriptions, terms and conditions herein.

19 **REAR-VIEW MIRRORS**

Vehicles or combinations of vehicles towing or transporting overwidth vehicles, machines or loads under authority of this permit must be equipped with rear-view mirrors capable of affording the operator a view to the rear of the vehicle and/or combination of vehicles. Such mirrors may exceed width authorized herein by five inches on either side, but must be retracted to legal width when vehicle or combination of vehicles and/or load is of legal width.