

§2001.0225. "Major environmental rule" is defined to mean a rule that the specific intent of which is to protect the environment or reduce risk to human health from environmental exposure and that may adversely affect, in a material way, the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment or the public health and safety of a state or a sector of the state. This proposal is not specifically intended to protect the environment or reduce risks to human health from environmental exposure.

The department has determined that Chapter 2007 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to this proposal. Accordingly, the department is not required to complete a takings impact assessment regarding this proposal.

Comments on this proposal may be submitted to Alice Amilhat, Texas Department of Public Safety, 5800 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78752. Comments must be received no later than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this proposal.

These amendments are proposed pursuant to the director's rule-making authority in Texas Government Code, §§411.144, 411.146(c)(1), 411.152 and 2001.039, which require state agencies to review their rules and readopt, readopt with amendments, or repeal a rule as the result of reviewing the rule under this section.

Texas Government Code, §§411.144, 411.146(c)(1), 411.152 and 2001.039 are affected by this proposal.

*§28.193. Delivery.*

- (a) The items of biological evidence must be packaged in a manner to avoid contamination.
- (b) Each item shall be in a separate paper package completely sealed.
- (c) Each package shall be labeled for identification.
- (d) Multiple packages related to a single offense may be placed into one outer container (box).
- (e) The sealed and labeled box may be delivered to the department warehouse site in person, by U.S. Postal Service, or by private carrier. The Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory Bio-Evidence Storage warehouse address is DPS Crime Laboratory, Building C, 12230 West Road, Houston, Texas 77065-4523 [will be posted on the department's website at [www.dps.texas.gov](http://www.dps.texas.gov)].
- (f) The items must include a packing slip containing the cataloging information as specified in §28.192(a) of this title (relating to Cataloging).

*§28.194. Disposition of Evidence.*

- (a) The submitting agency, prosecutor's office, or clerk's office shall notify the department at the Bio-Evidence Storage warehouse address, DPS Crime Laboratory, Building C, 12230 West Road, Houston, Texas 77065-4523, [posted on the department's website] within 30 days of the date the inmate either completes his/her sentence, is released on parole or mandatory supervision, or dies.
- (b) Upon receiving such notification, the department shall return the evidence to the submitting agency, prosecutor's office, or clerk's office.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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## TITLE 43. TRANSPORTATION

### PART 10. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

#### CHAPTER 219. OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES AND LOADS SUBCHAPTER C. PERMITS FOR OVER AXLE AND OVER GROSS WEIGHT TOLERANCES

##### 43 TAC §§219.34 - 219.36

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (department) proposes new Chapter 219, Oversize and Overweight Vehicles and Loads, Subchapter C, Permits for Over Axle and Over Gross Weight Tolerances, §219.34, North Texas Intermodal Permit; §219.35, Fluid Milk Transport Permit; and §219.36, Intermodal Shipping Container Port Permit.

#### EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED NEW SECTIONS

The 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, authorized three new permits for overweight vehicle combinations. The permits authorize certain vehicle combinations to exceed gross weight and axle weight limits, as long as the vehicle combination and the operator are in compliance with all of the applicable requirements and restrictions. Proposed new §§219.34, 219.35, and 219.36 establish the requirements, restrictions, and procedures regarding these permits.

Proposed new §219.34 implements House Bill 2319, which added Transportation Code, §623.0172, Permit for Intermodal Shipping Container, to require the department to issue an annual permit for the international transportation of a sealed intermodal shipping container by a truck-tractor and semitrailer combination in portions of Bowie County, Texas.

Proposed new §219.35 implements Senate Bill 1383, which added Transportation Code, §623.401, Permit for Vehicles Transporting Fluid Milk, to authorize the department to issue an annual permit for the movement of fluid milk by certain truck-tractor and semitrailer combinations.

Proposed new §219.36 implements Senate Bill 1524, which added Transportation Code, §623.402, Issuance of Permit, to authorize the department to issue an annual permit for the movement of certain vehicle combinations transporting sealed intermodal shipping containers moving in international transportation.

#### FISCAL NOTE

Linda M. Flores, Chief Financial Officer, has determined that for each of the first five years the proposed new sections are in effect, there will be no fiscal implications for state or local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed new sections. Although the sale of the new permits is anticipated to generate revenue for the state and certain local juris-

dictions in the state, the estimated increase in revenue cannot be determined at this time due to a lack of data on the number of applications that will be submitted and approved for the permits authorized by the new sections. Also, the fee for the permits under §219.35 and §219.36 is set by statute, rather than by rule. The department reserves the right to change the amount of the proposed fee in §219.34 prior to adoption.

Jimmy Archer, Director of the Motor Carrier Division, has determined that there will be no impact on local economies or overall employment as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed new sections.

#### PUBLIC BENEFIT AND COST

Mr. Archer has also determined that for each year of the first five years the new sections are in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing or administering the new sections will be new permits, which may increase commerce. There are no anticipated economic costs for persons required to comply with the proposed new sections, other than the fees for the permits. There will be no adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities.

#### TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The department has determined that this proposal affects no private real property interests and that this proposal does not restrict or limit an owner's right to property that would otherwise exist in the absence of government action, and so does not constitute a taking or require a takings impact assessment under Government Code, §2007.043.

#### SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

Written comments on the proposed new sections may be submitted to David D. Duncan, General Counsel, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, 4000 Jackson Avenue, Austin, Texas 78731 or by email to [rules@txdmv.gov](mailto:rules@txdmv.gov). The deadline for receipt of comments is 5:00 p.m. on November 20, 2017.

#### STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The new sections are proposed under Transportation Code, §1002.001, which provides the board of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (board) with the authority to adopt rules that are necessary and appropriate to implement the powers and the duties of the department under the Transportation Code; Transportation Code, §623.002, which authorizes the board of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules that are necessary to implement and enforce Transportation Code, Chapter 623; and more specifically, Transportation Code, §623.407(a), which requires the department to adopt rules that are necessary to implement Transportation Code, Chapter 623, Subchapter U, Vehicles Transporting Fluid Milk; and Transportation Code, §623.411(a), which requires the department to adopt rules that are necessary to implement Transportation Code, Chapter 623, Subchapter U, Intermodal Shipping Containers.

#### CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE

Transportation Code, Chapters 621 and 623.

§219.34. North Texas Intermodal Permit.

(a) Purpose. This section prescribes the requirements, restrictions, and procedures regarding the annual permit for transporting an intermodal shipping container under the provisions of Transportation Code, §623.0172.

(b) Application for permit.

(1) To qualify for a North Texas intermodal permit, a person must submit an application to the department.

(2) The application shall be in a form prescribed by the department and at a minimum, will require the following:

(A) name and address of the applicant;

(B) name of contact person and telephone number or email address; and

(C) vehicle information, including vehicle year, make, license plate number and state of issuance, and vehicle identification number.

(3) The application shall be accompanied by the total annual permit fee of \$2,000.

(4) Fees for permits issued under this section are payable as required by §219.11(f) of this title (relating to General Oversize/Overweight Permit Requirements and Procedures).

(c) Amendments. An annual permit issued under this section will not be amended except in the case of department error.

(d) Transfer of permit. A permit issued under this section may only be transferred once during the term of the permit from one vehicle to another vehicle in the permittee's fleet provided:

(1) the permitted vehicle is destroyed or otherwise becomes permanently inoperable, to an extent that it will no longer be utilized, and the permittee presents proof that the negotiable title or other qualifying documentation, as determined by the department, has been surrendered to the department; or

(2) the title to the permitted vehicle is transferred to someone other than the permittee, and the permittee presents proof that the negotiable title or other qualifying documentation, as determined by the department, has been transferred from the permittee.

(e) Restrictions pertaining to road conditions. Movement of a permitted vehicle is prohibited when road conditions are hazardous based upon the judgment of the operator and law enforcement officials. Law enforcement officials shall make the final determination regarding whether or not conditions are hazardous. Conditions that should be considered hazardous include, but are not limited to:

(1) visibility of less than 2/10 of one mile; or

(2) weather conditions such as wind, rain, ice, sleet, or snow.

(f) Curfew restrictions. The operator of a permitted vehicle must observe the curfew movement restrictions published by the department.

(g) Construction or maintenance areas. The permitted vehicle may not travel through any state highway construction or maintenance area if prohibited by the construction restrictions published by the department.

(h) Night movement. Night movement is allowed under this permit, unless prohibited by the curfew movement restrictions published by the department.

(i) Manufacturer's tire load rating. Permits issued under this section do not authorize the vehicle to exceed the manufacturer's tire load rating.

§219.35. Fluid Milk Transport Permit.

(a) Purpose. This section prescribes the requirements, restrictions, and procedures regarding the annual permit for transporting fluid milk under the provisions of Transportation Code, Chapter 623, Sub-

chapter U, as added by Chapter 750 (S.B. 1383), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017.

(b) Application for permit.

(1) To qualify for a fluid milk transport permit, a person must submit an application to the department.

(2) The application shall be in a form prescribed by the department and at a minimum, will require the following:

(A) name and address of the applicant;

(B) name of contact person and telephone number or email address;

(C) vehicle information, including vehicle year, make, license plate number and state of issuance, and vehicle identification number; and

(D) a list of counties in which the vehicle will be operated.

(3) The application shall be accompanied by the total annual permit fee of \$1,200.

(4) Fees for permits issued under this section are payable as required by §219.11(f) of this title (relating to General Oversize/Overweight Permit Requirements and Procedures).

(c) Issuance and placement of permit and windshield sticker; restrictions.

(1) A permit and a windshield sticker will be issued once the application is approved, and each will be mailed to the applicant at the address contained in the application.

(2) The windshield sticker shall be affixed to the inside of the windshield of the vehicle in accordance with the diagram printed on the back of the sticker and in a manner that will not obstruct the vision of the driver. Any attempt to remove the sticker from the windshield will render the sticker void and will require a new permit and sticker.

(3) A replacement sticker for a lost, stolen, or mutilated windshield sticker may be issued, provided that the permittee submits a request on a form approved by the department which shall include a statement, signed by the permittee, affirming that the sticker was lost, stolen, or mutilated. The replacement sticker shall only be valid for the permitted vehicle.

(d) Amendments. An annual permit issued under this section will not be amended except in the case of department error.

(e) Transfer of permit. A permit issued under this section may only be transferred once during the term of the permit from one vehicle to another vehicle in the permittee's fleet provided:

(1) the permitted vehicle is destroyed or otherwise becomes permanently inoperable, to an extent that it will no longer be utilized, and the permittee presents proof that the negotiable title or other qualifying documentation, as determined by the department, has been surrendered to the department; or

(2) the title to the permitted vehicle is transferred to someone other than the permittee, and the permittee presents proof that the negotiable title or other qualifying documentation, as determined by the department, has been transferred from the permittee.

(f) Termination of permit. An annual permit issued under this section will automatically terminate, and the windshield sticker must be removed from the vehicle:

(1) on the expiration of the permit;

(2) when the lease of the vehicle expires;

(3) on the sale or other transfer of ownership of the vehicle for which the permit was issued; or

(4) on the dissolution or termination of the partnership, corporation, or other legal entity to which the permit was issued.

(g) Restrictions pertaining to road conditions. Movement of a permitted vehicle is prohibited when road conditions are hazardous based upon the judgment of the operator and law enforcement officials. Law enforcement officials shall make the final determination regarding whether or not conditions are hazardous. Conditions that should be considered hazardous include, but are not limited to:

(1) visibility of less than 2/10 of one mile; or

(2) weather conditions such as wind, rain, ice, sleet, or snow.

(h) Curfew restrictions. The operator of a permitted vehicle must observe the curfew movement restrictions published by the department.

(i) Construction or maintenance areas.

(1) The permitted vehicle may not travel through any state highway construction or maintenance area if prohibited by the construction restrictions published by the department.

(2) The permittee is responsible for contacting the appropriate local jurisdiction for construction or maintenance restrictions on non-state maintained roadways.

(j) Night movement. Night movement is allowed under this permit, unless prohibited by the curfew movement restrictions published by the department.

(k) Manufacturer's tire load rating. Permits issued under this section do not authorize the vehicle to exceed the manufacturer's tire load rating.

§219.36. Intermodal Shipping Container Port Permit.

(a) Purpose. This section prescribes the requirements, restrictions, and procedures regarding the annual permit for transporting an intermodal shipping container under the provisions of Transportation Code, Chapter 623, Subchapter U, as added by Chapter 108 (S.B. 1524), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017.

(b) Application for permit.

(1) To qualify for an intermodal shipping container port permit, a person must submit an application to the department.

(2) The application shall be in a form prescribed by the department and at a minimum, will require the following:

(A) name and address of the applicant;

(B) name of contact person and telephone number or email address;

(C) vehicle information, including vehicle year, make, license plate number and state of issuance, and vehicle identification number;

(D) a list of counties in which the vehicle will be operated; and

(E) a list of municipalities in which the vehicle will be operated.

(3) The application shall be accompanied by the total annual permit fee of \$6,000.

(4) Fees for permits issued under this section are payable as required by §219.11(f) of this title (relating to General Oversize/Overweight Permit Requirements and Procedures).

(c) Issuance and placement of permit and windshield sticker; restrictions.

(1) A permit and a windshield sticker will be issued once the application is approved, and each will be mailed to the applicant at the address contained in the application.

(2) The windshield sticker shall be affixed to the inside of the windshield of the vehicle in accordance with the diagram printed on the back of the sticker and in a manner that will not obstruct the vision of the driver. Any attempt to remove the sticker from the windshield will render the sticker void and will require a new permit and sticker.

(3) A replacement sticker for a lost, stolen, or mutilated windshield sticker may be issued, provided that the permittee submits a request on a form approved by the department which shall include a statement, signed by the permittee, affirming that the sticker was lost, stolen, or mutilated. The replacement sticker shall only be valid for the permitted vehicle.

(d) Amendments. An annual permit issued under this section will not be amended except in the case of department error.

(e) Transfer of permit. A permit issued under this section may only be transferred once during the term of the permit from one vehicle to another vehicle in the permittee's fleet provided:

(1) the permitted vehicle is destroyed or otherwise becomes permanently inoperable, to an extent that it will no longer be utilized, and the permittee presents proof that the negotiable title or other qualifying documentation, as determined by the department, has been surrendered to the department; or

(2) the title to the permitted vehicle is transferred to someone other than the permittee, and the permittee presents proof that the negotiable title or other qualifying documentation, as determined by the department, has been transferred from the permittee.

(f) Termination of permit. An annual permit issued under this section will automatically terminate, and the windshield sticker must be removed from the vehicle:

(1) on the expiration of the permit;

(2) when the lease of the vehicle expires;

(3) on the sale or other transfer of ownership of the vehicle for which the permit was issued; or

(4) on the dissolution or termination of the partnership, corporation, or other legal entity to which the permit was issued.

(g) Restrictions pertaining to road conditions. Movement of a permitted vehicle is prohibited when road conditions are hazardous based upon the judgment of the operator and law enforcement officials. Law enforcement officials shall make the final determination regarding whether or not conditions are hazardous. Conditions that should be considered hazardous include, but are not limited to:

(1) visibility of less than 2/10 of one mile; or

(2) weather conditions such as wind, rain, ice, sleet, or snow.

(h) Curfew restrictions. The operator of a permitted vehicle must observe the curfew movement restrictions published by the department.

(i) Construction or maintenance areas.

(1) The permitted vehicle may not travel through any state highway construction or maintenance area if prohibited by the construction restrictions published by the department.

(2) The permittee is responsible for contacting the appropriate local jurisdiction for construction or maintenance restrictions on non-state maintained roadways.

(j) Night movement. Night movement is allowed under this permit, unless prohibited by the curfew movement restrictions published by the department.

(k) Manufacturer's tire load rating. Permits issued under this section do not authorize the vehicle to exceed the manufacturer's tire load rating.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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