

RULE CHANGES TO FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (FAC) 14-26

Rule Chapter 14-26, FAC, has been amended to include new rules, updates to references and other overall restructuring of the chapter. This document is intended as a guide to highlight the amendments to FAC 14-26. To view the amended Rule Chapter 14-26 in its entirety please visit <https://www.flrules.org/Default.asp> or you may view excerpts of the full text of the highlights below.

14-26.00411 PROCEDURE FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMITS.

- **14-26.00411(5)** – Added a requirement to produce route survey letters to enforcement upon request.
- **14-26.00411(6)** – Clarified the requirement for Permittees to submit an application 10 days prior to the date of movement.

14-26.012 MOVEMENT CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

- **14-26.012(9)(c) & (c)2.** - Modified the requirements for flags and warning lights on self-propelled equipment.
- **14-26.012(11)(c)** - Updated the language for overlength semi-trailers to conform to statutory changes.
- **14-26.012(11)(d)** – Modified the language to include automobiles.

14-26.01311 PERMITS TO MOVE SEALED CONTAINERIZED LOADS.

- **14-26.01311(1)(a)** - Removed the definition for hazardous waste and materials.
- **14-26.01311(1)(b)** – Updated the definition to include a seal placed by law enforcement.
- **14-26.01311(2)(a)** - Removed the requirements for placarded hazardous materials and waste.
- **14-26.01311(2)(b)** – Updated the language to include a seal placed by law enforcement.
- **14-26.01311(3)(a) & (c)** – Clarified the language for providing documents for inspection.
- **14-26.01311(3)(a)6.** – Removed the requirements for placarded hazardous materials and waste.
- **14-26.01311(5) & (5)(a)** – Clarified the language for application requirements.

14-26.014 NON-COMPLIANCE

- **14-26.014(1)(a)7.** - Updated the language to include Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

14-26.015 PENALTIES

- **14-26.015(2)(h)** – Removed the penalty for tire size violations.
- **14-26.015(2)(j)** – Clarified the null and void criteria for survey letters.
- **14-26.015(2)(k)** – Updated the language to include valid restricted tags.

14-26.00411 Procedure for Issuance of Permits.

(1) through (4) No Change.

(5) No movement shall be made under any permit until the route has been surveyed to verify that the route can accommodate the vehicle and load. The Department is responsible for verifying the load carrying capacity of the route (bridges and similar load bearing structures). The applicant is responsible for verifying adequate vertical (height) and horizontal (length and width) clearance. Vehicles and loads with a height greater than 18 feet shall be surveyed by a qualified escort, as described in this rule chapter prior to any movement. Surveying a route prior to movement of the load does not exempt the hauler from being required to obtain a permit prior to any movement. Applications for vehicles and loads with a height greater than 18 feet and/or width greater than 22 feet shall be supported by a survey letter from the hauler. The survey letter must be on the hauler's letterhead and include a signed statement verifying that the route has been surveyed, and that clearances exceed the requested permitted dimension by a minimum of 6 inches for height and 2 feet on each side for width. The survey letter must be maintained with the load during movement and upon request, produced to law enforcement and weight inspectors. The surveyed route and the route shown on the application must be identical.

(6) Structural Evaluation. In addition to the information required for issuance of a permit, a schematic of the vehicle showing all longitudinal and transverse spacings, axle weights and dimensions must be provided at least ten business days before a proposed move when any axle exceeds 30,000 pounds, ~~or~~ when the vehicle's gross weight is exceeds 300,000 pounds or more, or so that a structural analysis can be performed. ~~Applicants, whose vehicles gross vehicle weight is less than 300,000 pounds, will be required to provide a schematic as well when an Engineer of the Office of Maintenance, Bridge Section, determines that a structural analysis is needed.~~

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14-26.012 Movement Conditions and Restrictions.

(1) through (8) No Change.

(9) Length Limitations.

(a) through (b) No Change.

(c) Self-Propelled Equipment Length Limitations. When the criteria of Rule 14-26.00425, F.A.C., are met, trip or multi-trip permits shall be issued. For all self-propelled equipment, the boom must be fully retracted. Nighttime movement requires that the front overhang has a minimum of 80 inches clearance above the roadway. In addition, no movement is allowed on limited access facilities with units designed for off road use. ~~Flags and one warning light are required.~~ In addition the following restrictions will apply:

1. No Change.

2. Total Length over 80 feet. Movement is permitted daytime hours only, excluding weekends and holidays. Flags and warning signs are required. A warning light is required to be mounted at the extreme end of the protrusion in such a way as to be seen by all approaching traffic.

(10) No Change.

(11) Designated Permits.

(a) through (b) No Change.

(c) Semi-trailers with a kingpin greater than 41 53 feet and a trailer length up to 57 feet 6 inches ~~in length~~ may haul a divisible load when operating in a truck tractor semi-trailer combination with a valid trip or multi-trip permit.

(d) Truck tractor semi-trailer combinations hauling automobiles or boats may obtain a trip or multi-trip permit, regardless of trailer length, when the overall length does not ~~to~~ exceed 80 feet excluding overhang. This applies to both stinger and non-stinger steered vehicles.

(e) through (g) No change.

(12) No change.

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14-26.01311 Permits to Move Sealed Containerized Loads.

(1) Definitions. For the purposes of this rule:

~~(a) In accordance with Section 316.302(4), F.S., “Hazardous waste” or “hazardous materials” means as defined in Title 49 C.F.R., Part 171, Subpart A, Sec 171.8.~~

~~(a)(b)~~ A “Sealed Containerized Load” means a freight container with or without wheels, as defined in [Title 49 C.F.R., Part 59, Sec 5901\(4\), Rev. 2008](https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02204), incorporated herein by reference, available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02204>.

~~(b)(c)~~ “Destination point” means the location where the packer’s seal, law enforcement seal, or U.S. Customs’ seal is broken.

~~(c)(d)~~ “Point of origin” means the location where the packer’s seal is affixed.

(2) General. Sealed containerized loads being moved via a truck or trucks and rail in conjunction with a maritime shipment will be considered a “nondivisible” load, eligible for an overweight or overdimensional permit, when the following conditions are met:

~~(a) The sealed containerized load does not transport hazardous waste or hazardous materials which require placarding per Title 49, C.F.R., Part 172, Subpart F, as required by Section 316.302, F.S.;~~

~~(a)(b)~~ The sealed containerized load is being moved by a vehicle qualified to do so under the provisions of this rule:

1. From a maritime port to the destination point; or
2. From a maritime port to a railroad facility for movement to the destination point; or
3. From the point of origin to a maritime port; or
4. From the point of origin to a railroad facility for movement to a maritime port; and

~~(b)(c)~~ The sealed containerized load retains the original unbroken seal from its point of origin, a seal placed by law enforcement, or a replacement U.S. Customs’ seal throughout its transit until reaching its destination point.

(3) Required On-Board Documents.

(a) The operators of vehicles transporting sealed containerized loads by permits issued pursuant to this rule shall at all times have on board and make available for inspection a hard copy of at least one of the following documents ~~under their control and available for inspection~~:

1. A short form master bill of lading;
2. A copy of an electronically transmitted way bill; or
3. A completed U.S. Customs Service Authority to move (Form 75-12) valid for the permitted load.

(b) The document(s) in paragraph (a) shall include the following readily identifiable information:

1. Consignor;
2. Point of origin;
3. Consignee;
4. Point of destination; and
5. Either the number of the packer’s cargo seal or the number of the U.S. Customs seal; ~~and~~

~~6. A statement that the load being transported does not contain any hazardous waste or hazardous materials which require placarding per Title 49, C.F.R. Part 172, Subpart F.~~

~~(c) The document(s) in paragraph (a) shall be in the form of a hard copy.~~

(4) No Straight Trucks. Because of the nature of the load to be carried and the potential for increased wear to the highway from vehicles so loaded, no straight truck, as defined in Section 316.003(70), F.S., shall be eligible for a permit to haul sealed containerized loads.

(5) Trip or Multi-Trip Permits. When applying for a trip or multi-trip permit to transport sealed containerized loads, the hauler must submit an application in accordance with Rule 14-26.00411(4), F.A.C., and furnish all relevant details on the proposed move to the Department's Permit Office. ~~At a minimum, this shall include:~~

(a) Maximum gross weight of the vehicle and load;

(b) Axle spacing (center to center of each axle);

(c) The total number of axles and total weight on each axle of the vehicle/vehicle combination;

(d) The origin and destination of the highway move (for trip permits);

(e) Either the number of the packer's cargo seal or the number of the U.S. Customs' seal;

(f) The State highway(s) requested to be traveled (for trip permits).

(6) Overall Gross Vehicle Weight. Vehicles operating under a permit issued pursuant to this rule shall not exceed an overall gross vehicle weight of 100,000 pounds.

(7) Axle Spacings. All vehicles operating under a permit issued pursuant to this rule shall meet the minimum axle spacing requirements described in the permit.

(8) Number of Axles. All vehicles operating under a permit issued pursuant to this rule shall have a minimum of five load-bearing axles in operation at all times during movement.

(9) Outer Bridge Length. All vehicles operating under a permit issued pursuant to this rule shall have an outer bridge length of 51 feet or greater.

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14-26.014 Non-Compliance.

(1) Suspension or revocation of permits.

(a) The Department will suspend or revoke a multi-trip or trip permit for a specified period of time for the following:

1. through 6. No Change.

7. The company has been placed out-of-service based upon a compliance review performed by Florida Highway Patrol or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

8. No change.

(2) No change.

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14-26.015 Penalties.

(1) No Change.

(2) Null and Void Criteria. Any vehicle found to be operating under one or more of the following conditions shall be determined to be out of conformity with the provisions of the permit, in which case the vehicle is considered to be in non-compliance and the permit will be declared to be null and void for that vehicle for that trip. Penalties will be assessed as provided in Sections 316.516 and 316.545, F.S., and the vehicle must remain until the load is brought into compliance or a valid permit is obtained.

(a) through (g) No Change.

~~(h) The tires on the vehicle are smaller than those specified on the permit. Penalty to be assessed for~~

weight only.

~~(h)(i)~~ The vehicle has an outer-bridge dimension which is less than the minimum specified on the permit. Penalty to be assessed for weight only.

~~(i)(j)~~ The vehicle is being operated under a multi-trip permit and the permit is not accompanied by the required attachments described in the permit. Penalty to be assessed based upon the nature of the violation (weight or size).

~~(j)(k)~~ The hauler does not produce a survey letter ~~for height~~ as described in subsection 14-26.00411~~(5)(4)~~, F.A.C., when requested by law enforcement or a weight inspector. Penalty to be assessed for size only.

~~(k)(l)~~ The vehicle does not have a valid restricted tag or is not registered for 80,000 pounds gross vehicle weight when transporting an oversized/overweight load. Penalty to be assessed for weight only.

~~(l)(m)~~ The vehicle permitted for operation with a natural gas fueling system, is being operated without certification of the weight difference between the natural gas fueling system and a comparable diesel fueling system. Penalty to be assessed for weight only.

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