

CHAPTER 1090

TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS OR PRODUCTS WITHIN ECONOMIC EXPORT CORRIDORS

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AN ACT relating to the movement of certain combinations of vehicles on economic export corridors established by the department of transportation.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 321.457, subsection 2, Code 2011, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. n. (1) Notwithstanding paragraph “g” or any other provision of this chapter, the department is authorized to adopt rules providing for economic export corridors for the transportation of goods or products manufactured in Iowa to or through the state of South Dakota and for the return of unladen semitrailers or unladen full trailers used for the transportation of those goods or products. The rules may authorize the operation of the following combinations of vehicles on an economic export corridor:

(a) A truck tractor-semitrailer-semi-trailer converted to a full trailer by use of a dolly equipped with a fifth wheel which is considered a part of the trailer for all purposes, and not a separate unit.

(b) A truck tractor-semitrailer-full trailer.

(c) A truck tractor-semitrailer-semi-trailer combination, where the semitrailers are connected by a rigid frame extension including a fifth wheel connection point attached to the rear frame of the first semi-trailer. The length of the frame extension shall not be included when determining the overall length of the first semi-trailer.

(2) Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph “n” shall provide that combinations of vehicles authorized to operate on an economic export corridor shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) The length of the combination of vehicles, excluding the length of the truck tractor, shall not exceed eighty-one and one-half feet.

(b) The length of either semi-trailer or full trailer shall not exceed forty-five feet.

(c) The weight of the second semi-trailer or full trailer shall not exceed the weight of the first semi-trailer by more than three thousand pounds.

(d) The gross weight of the combination of vehicles shall not exceed eighty thousand pounds and the combination of vehicles shall not exceed the gross axle weight limits of section 321.463, subsection 2.

(e) The load on each semi-trailer or full trailer in the combination shall be an indivisible load. For the purpose of issuing permits for height or width under chapter 321E, the combination of vehicles shall be considered an indivisible load so long as the load on each semi-trailer or full trailer in the combination remains an indivisible load.

(3) An economic export corridor established by the department shall not include any segment of the interstate system or any part of the national network of highways identified pursuant to 23 C.F.R. pt. 658. This subparagraph does not prohibit operation on any segment of the interstate system or part of the national network of highways that is permitted under paragraph “e”.

(4) For purposes of this paragraph “n”, “full trailer” means as defined in 49 C.F.R. § 390.¹

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¹ See chapter 1138, §64 herein