

761—511.1(321E) Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of transportation.

“*Dimensions*” or “*size*” means length, width or height limits.

“*Overdimensional*” or “*oversize*” means the exceeding of statutory length, width or height limits.

“*Permit*” means a permit issued under Iowa Code chapter 321E for the movement of an overdimensional or overweight vehicle, combination of vehicles, or vehicle with load. The term includes any additions or supplements thereto issued by the permit-issuing authority.

“*Permit-issuing authority*” means the:

1. Department’s office of motor carrier services for permits for movement on the primary system.
2. Authority responsible for the maintenance of a nonprimary system of highways or streets for permits for movement on that system. However, the office of motor carrier services may issue single-trip permits on primary road extensions in cities in conjunction with movement on the rural primary road system.

“*Primary roads*” or “*primary road system*” is defined in Iowa Code section 306.3. The primary road system includes the interstate road system.

“*Special or emergency situation*” means one or more of the following:

1. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with cities, counties, other state agencies or other states in response to a national or other disaster.
2. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with national defense officials.
3. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with public or private utilities in order to maintain their public services.
4. Circumstances where the movement is essential to ensure safety and protection of any person or property due to an event such as, but not limited to, pollution of natural resources, a potential fire or an explosion.
5. Circumstances where weather or transportation problems create an undue hardship for citizens of the state of Iowa.
6. Circumstances where the movement involves emergency-type vehicles.
7. Uncommon or extraordinary circumstances where the movement is essential to the existence of an Iowa business and the move may be accomplished without causing undue hazards to the safety of the traveling public or undue damage to private or public property.
8. Other unique circumstances that warrant the issuance of a permit as determined by the permit-issuing authority.

“*Statutory*” when used with size or weight limits refers to those limits found in Iowa Code chapter 321.

“*Sufficient shoulder width*” means a gravel or paved surface extending a minimum of six feet beyond the edge of the roadway.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321E.9, 321E.15, 321E.27, 321E.29 and 321E.34.