

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

“*Compacted rubbish vehicle*” means any vehicle hauling rubbish that has been mechanically compacted with a hydraulic, electric, or air-operated ram.

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

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

“*Emergency interstate permit*” means a permit issued under Iowa Code section 321E.29B as enacted by 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 382.

“*Indivisible load*” means any load or vehicle exceeding applicable length or weight limits which, if separated into smaller loads or vehicles, would:

1. Compromise the intended use of the vehicle, i.e., make it unable to perform the function for which it was intended;
2. Destroy the value of the load or vehicle, i.e., make it unusable for its intended purpose; or
3. Require more than eight work hours to dismantle using appropriate equipment. The applicant for an indivisible load permit has the burden of proof as to the number of work hours required to dismantle the load.

“*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 motor vehicle division for permits for movement on the primary road system.
2. Authority responsible for the maintenance of a nonprimary system of highways or streets for permits for movement on that system. However, the motor vehicle division 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.

“*Raw forest products*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321E.26.

“*Rubbish*” means any unwanted or useless material that has no commercial or practical value or use and that would normally be discarded.

“*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.

“*Stafford Act*” means the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law No. 93-288, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §5121 et seq.

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

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321E.9, 321E.15, 321E.26, 321E.29, 321E.29B as enacted by 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 382, 321E.30 and 321E.34.  
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