

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Over-dimensional and Overweight Permits for Motor Shipments

Purpose: Remind shippers and Transportation Service Providers (TSP) of permitting requirements associated with the movement over-dimensional and/or overweight motor shipments.

Be Advised: DoD policy is to comply with state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and toll authority regulations relating to vehicle size and weight limitations. No vehicular movement exceeding legal size and weight limitations or any other special movement requiring highway permits will be made over public highways unless prior permission is obtained from the state or local authority.

Rail or water carriage is the preferred method when moving extremely oversize/overweight equipment.

Carriers are required to obtain all the necessary permits. Shipping activities must not release DoD oversize/overweight cargo shipments until the carrier has notified or presented the shipping activity with a written statement that the carrier has, or will be able to obtain, the required state road-use permits. At a minimum, the carrier must present to the shipping activity the permit for the origin state prior to shipment release. Carrier requests to utilize a "rolling permit" process will not be permitted.

Under the unusual situation where a shipment by motor carrier has been certified as essential to national defense, the TO will request assistance for a Letter of Essentiality (LOE) from SDDC Operations via e-mail at usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.g3-domestic-freight-services-branch@army.mil or the theater CDR.

NOTE: Only SDDC may issue an LOE in CONUS. An LOE is not a waiver and does not prevent the motor carrier from the requirement(s) to obtain the necessary permit(s) to complete the movement.

DTR defines Certification of Highway Movement Essential to National Defense as, "Certification by a military authority that the oversize or overweight vehicle and/or cargo is essential, cannot be reduced in size or weight, and cannot be moved by another mode of transportation to meet the required delivery date. This certification is a means to inform regulatory authorities of the importance of the movement and allow maximum flexibility in approving a permit."

Reference: Defense Transportation Regulation Part II, Chapter 202, Paragraph O., Permits for Motor Shipments

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