



Rumblings



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Safety in Forestry Transportation

TruckSafe Rumblings is published biweekly to keep you informed on what is happening in forest hauling safety in BC. Call MaryAnne Arcand to provide input or get the news out on best practices and concerns in the industry.

QUARTERLY REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT UPDATE and REMINDERS Summer 2006

Lots of changes in the wind this year! And to keep you informed, here is the first quarterly regulations and enforcement update. Some are changes in actual regs, others are changes in strategies and/or authorities from the enforcement agencies.

FROM WORKSAFEBC:

CHANGED! BULLBOARD REGS: Section 26.65 effective May 17, 2006.

Bullboards must be at least 6 inches (15cm) higher than the cab, and at least as wide as the cab. It must be designed, constructed and maintained so that no openings are large enough to let cargo through, and it must be installed in a way that doesn't reduce its capacity to withstand a horizontal forward static load equal to 40% of the weight of the cargo, with the load evenly distributed over the entire bullboard.

AND, the bullboard must be **permanently marked/stamped** with the name and address of the manufacturer, the model or serial number, and its rated capacity in terms of cargo weight **OR** there must be a **copy of a letter** in the truck that accurately describes the bullboard, certifies the model or serial number and its rated capacity, and is **signed by the manufacturer or a professional engineer**.

REMINDER! Sect26.66 Bunks and Stakes

Stake and bunk assemblies must be inspected daily, and not be used if they show signs of wear

REMINDER! Sect 26.71 Operating Provisions

The operator of a logging truck on a forestry operation or other industrial road must:

- a) **not overtake another moving industrial vehicle**, except on a signal from the other vehicle operator
- b) use extreme caution when approaching vehicles coming from the opposite direction

c) when following crew transportation vehicles [or any other vehicles], **keep a safe distance**, having due regard for road and grade conditions and visibility.

FROM THE RCMP:

NEW! The RCMP are going to be stopping loaded logging trucks and other commercial vehicles, looking for log books, fatigue (did you take your breaks?), impairment from alcohol and/or drugs, proper class of license, and maintenance of vehicles. 50% of RCMP traffic officers in BC will be trained in commercial vehicle interdiction by the end of the year.

As well, the RCMP are **participating in multi-agency road checks**, mainly on primary and secondary roads, but some bush roads as well, along with CVSE, WorkSafeBC and Ministry of Forests.

NEW! Project INFORM

When a commercial vehicle driver **gets a ticket from the RCMP, a letter will go to the registered owner of the vehicle, as well as a copy to WorkSafeBC and HRDC**. This will keep vehicle owners informed if their drivers are not operating their vehicles safely. This program is being implemented across the whole province of BC.

FROM MINISTRY OF FORESTS, ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

Ministry of Forests & Range Enforcement and Compliance officers will be stepping up traffic enforcement on Forest Service Roads. Under Forest Service Road Use Regulations

This will include:

Sect. 3 (3) Snowmobile illegally on forest service road.

Sect. 4 Speed on forest service road.

Sect. 5 (1) Fail to properly transmit location.

Sect. 6 (3) Erect traffic control device without authority.

Sect. 6 (4) Damage or remove traffic control device.

Sect. 6 (5) Disobey traffic control device.

Sect. 7 Vehicle not maintained to standards.

Sect. 8 Unlicensed industrial vehicle not properly marked.

Sect. 10 (1) Damage forest service road.

Sect. 11 (1) Construct works without permit.

Sect. 12 (1) Use forest service road without required insurance.

For complete details, the pamphlet is available at www.bcforestsafe.org/trucksafe

MOFR has also published a pamphlet on safe travel in the bush for the general public.

For more information, get the pamphlet at

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/engineering/documents/brochures/Guide-for-Safe-Travel.pdf>

For more MOFR Enforcement and Compliance information, see www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/

FROM CVSE

- CVSE has the authority to stop all vehicles, and to issue traffic violations.
 - Hours of Service Changes have not yet been finalized, and won't take effect til Jan 1/07.
 - CVSE Publications are available at the following web addresses. It's worth having them on hand.
 - Book 5, National Safety Council requirements under CVSE
[http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/national_safety_code/pdf/MV0628_\(122003\)_web.pdf](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/national_safety_code/pdf/MV0628_(122003)_web.pdf)
 - MV Act Section 37 - Safety
http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/reg/M/MotorVehicle/26_58/26_58-12.htm#division37_schedule1
 - Legal Axle Weights by Configuration
http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/CVSE/ctm/section_1_licensing/bulletin_6.pdf
pages 18 -24 have diagrams of all the different truck/trailer configurations and their specs re: axle spread, lengths, heights, position of bunks, etc. Weights are on pages 16 and 17.
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FROM ICBC

A booklet on Driving Commercial Vehicles in BC is available from ICBC. Chapter Eleven is about Commercial Driving on Industrial Roads, and includes the definition of Industrial Roads according to ICBC. You can get the pamphlet at http://www.icbc.com/Licensing/lic_utility_resman_commercial.asp

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