



RUMBLINGS

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AXLE WEIGHT ALLOWANCE CHANGES

Effective August 13, 2008 CVSE is allowing 6 or 7 axle single steer tandem drive or tridem drive trucks with tridem hayrack trailers to haul green felled or bucked logs or poles an extra weight allowance of 1,000kg's, from 24,000 to 25,000 kgs, provided that:

- For a tridem drive truck, the “tridem to tridem” interaxle spacing (the distance between the last axle of the tri drive axle group to the first axle of the tridem hayrack semi-trailer) must be 7 meters or more;
- AND, the tridem trailer is a factory-built trailer consisting of a bare hayrack chassis (no load deck) and equipped with permanently mounted log bunks.

This allowance expires December 31, 2009. This temporary authorization eliminates the weight discrepancy between tridem hayrack trailers and tridem pole trailers when hauling green felled and bucked logs or poles. This change is a result of petitioning by the CILA. Hats off to Rick Publicover for getting this done. For all the details see Compliance Circular No 02/08, dated August 6, 2008.

INDIVIDUAL OWNER OPERATOR SAFE COMPANIES TRAINING COURSES

We've been getting a lot of calls lately for dates on the IOO training for SAFE Companies, as truckers get ready for the fall and winter hauling season. Here are the dates and locations set so far for this fall. We suggest you get registered as soon as you can, so you get the materials well in advance of your course and can start organizing your paperwork. If you have any questions about the registration process, call 1-877-741-1060. If you have questions about the pieces specific to trucking, give us a call at 1-877-234-1212.

IOO Training (Individual Owner Operator)	SEBASE Training (companies 2- 19 people)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept. 5 – Vernon • Sept. 6 - Kamloops • Sept. 6 - Prince George • Sept. 6 - Williams Lake • Sept. 27 - Powell River • Oct. 4 - Campbell River • Oct. 8 - Terrace • Oct. 11 - Smithers • Oct. 11 - Langley • Oct. 18 - Nelson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept. 22-23 - Prince George • Sept. 25-26 - Williams Lake • Sept. 29-30 - 100 Mile House • Oct. 2-3 - Quesnel • Oct. 6-7 - Terrace • Oct. 6-7 - Salmon Arm • Oct. 9-10 - Nanaimo • Oct. 9-10 - Kamloops • Oct. 9-10 - Smithers • Oct. 9-10 - Langley

- Oct. 18 - Fort St. John
- Oct. 18 - Nanaimo
- Oct. 25 - Burns Lake
- Oct. 27 - Prince George

- Oct. 16-17 - Fort St. John
- Oct. 16-17 - Nelson
- Oct. 16-17 - Port Hardy
- Oct. 23-24 - Burns Lake
- Oct. 27-28 - Campbell River
- Oct. 29-30 - Duncan

FUEL SAVINGS PROGRAMS

Volvo Trucks has just announced a new fuel economy program, which takes a 4 pronged approach to maximizing fuel efficiency, called "Fuelwatch". The four elements of Fuelwatch include: 1) *proper spec'ing* for the job, using a software tool called "Predictor", which looks at terrain, desired cruise speed, loads and applications, and then comes up with the most fuel effect specifications for the vehicle and its operation; 2) *maintenance*, which has been proven to improve fuel efficiency, especially around wheel alignment, fuel & cooling systems and air system losses, which can account for up to a 7% reduction in fuel efficiency; 3) *monitoring performance* – tracking your mileage and components life for efficiency and then measuring against industry standards; and, 4) driver development. It has been said that the driver can swing fuel economy up to 30% in either direction through their braking, gearing and acceleration habits.

Natural Resources Canada has a similar program available, called Smart Driver for Forestry Trucks. FERIC has been offering the program in several locations around the province recently. If you're interested in having a course in your community, please give us a call.

SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK- Watch out for the kids and the parents!



Just a reminder that school starts next week, and to be mindful not only of school zone speed limits (30 km) but also the unpredictable behaviors of kids, and parents dropping their kids off. Take extra precautions, slow down before the actual school zone signs, and keep your eyes open at side streets and cross walks.

Also, school buses will start running, and drivers need to remember school bus courtesy – All drivers are required to stop their vehicles when a school bus displays flashing RED lights. Many bus drivers will start flashing amber lights first, out of courtesy, to let you know they'll be stopping. The red flashing lights alert drivers that bus passengers are crossing the road, or entering or leaving the bus.

YOUR VOICE

Hi MaryAnne,

A quick question about industrial road only driving. If a driver possesses a Class 1 driver's license, are they also required to get a Restriction 18 or Restriction 19 on their driver's license? Or can they drive on the Class 1 alone on industrial roads? Also, we use Volvo 25E Articulating Rock trucks which are air over hydraulic braking system. Are these under the same restrictions even though they aren't a traditional air brake system?

Pete

Hi Pete; a Class 1 is valid for industrial roads, so no extra Restriction required. But they must have an air ticket as well then. For the ART's, they need an industrial air ticket, but not necessarily a Class 1. If they don't have a class 1, they need either the Code 18, which permits driving an unlicensed SINGLE unit vehicle (ART) with air brakes, or the Code 19 which permits operating an unlicensed single or combination vehicle (fat truck) with air brakes. Most fat trucks have water cooled brakes anyway, so you really have to go by what equipment you have. According to the ICBC commercial driving guide, an industrial air brake endorsement is required to operate most vehicles equipped with air-over-hydraulic brakes. The only exception is if the brake system does not use an air treadle. Then it's not required. Hope that helps.*

* Definition of Industrial Roads: Any road that exists for the transportation of natural resources, machinery,

materials or personnel. Industrial roads include all company bridges, wharves and log dumps. They do not include:

- Public highways, streets or lanes
- Forest service roads as defined in the Forest Act
- Development roads as defined in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act
- Privately-owned roads used by farmers or residents for their own purposes
- Roads used exclusively for the construction and maintenance of electric power lines, telephone lines and pipe lines
- Roads and yards within manufacturing plants, industrial sites, storage yards, airports or construction sites
- Tote roads, cat roads and access roads

DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTIONS

As professional drivers, these are things you should know. The questions were taken from the BC Professional Driving Championships written test. Some of them are pretty straightforward, and some will make you scratch your head. For the next few months, we're going to put a few in every issue of Rumbings, and the correct answer will be in the following issue. We're not going to make a contest out of it, but if you like, we can keep track of your score. Just email us your answers, and we'll keep them on file and tally them up at the end.

7. Centrifugal force can

- a) roll your truck over
- b) push your truck out of its lane position
- c) contribute to a jackknife
- d) all of the above

8. For each 10 psi (0.7klp) of under-inflation per tire, how much additional fuel is consumed?

- a) 1%
- b) 2%
- c) 4%
- d) 5%

9. Drowsiness or fatigue can affect a driver's

- a) alertness and reaction time
- b) ability to concentrate
- c) judgement and ability to make decisions
- d) all of the above

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 12, 13 Antique Truck Show, Port Alberni
- Oct 23, 24 Work Drug Free Conference, Prince George (BC Council on Substance Abuse)
- Nov 1 Vancouver Island Safety Conference, Qualicum Beach

BC Safety Council Health and Safety Summits (go to www.safetycouncil.bc.ca for details)

- Kelowna: September 29 - October 2, 2008
- Prince George: October 21 - 24, 2008
- Victoria: November 18 - 21, 2008
- Langley: December 2 - 5, 2008

If you have a trucking related event you'd like us to post for you, email arcand@bcforestsafe.org with the details.

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