

(i) 3/8th of an inch in diameter for loads of 3 tons or less; or

(ii) 1/2 of an inch in diameter for loads over 3 tons; or

(2) If they have at least as much tensile strength as the chains, by:

(i) Wire rope not less than 5/16th of an inch in diameter;

(ii) Steel strapping;

(iii) Logistic webbing of synthetic fibers; or

(3) As specified in Part 393.102(b) (securement systems) of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

[(c)] (D) The chains and authorized alternative devices specified in this section[:

(1) Shall] SHALL be fastened with an adequate load binder of standard make or other appropriate fastening device[; and].

[(2) May] (E) THE CHAINS AND AUTHORIZED ALTERNATIVE DEVICES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION MAY not be repaired or replaced by any links or material other than of the size, strength, and material specified in this section.

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(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, as to any vehicle found to exceed the weight limits permitted under this subtitle[:

(1) If] IF the overweight does not exceed 5,000 pounds, a police officer may require the driver to unload the excess weight[; and].

[(2) If] (B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, AS TO ANY VEHICLE FOUND TO EXCEED THE WEIGHT LIMITS PERMITTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, IF the overweight exceeds 5,000 pounds, the vehicle may not be moved until the excess weight is unloaded.

[(b)] (C) If an overweight vehicle bears registration plates issued by this State and is transporting liquid milk in bulk from the producer, the vehicle may be granted a 5 percent tolerance on the applicable registration or statutory gross weight limit. However, a tolerance granted under this subsection may not permit the gross weight of the vehicle to exceed 79,000 pounds.