

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

24-109.

(a) (1) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section providing for the formula to be applied to interior axle measurements may not apply to those vehicles qualified in this subsection. For those vehicles qualifying under this subsection the measurement may be made only between the first and last axles of the vehicle or combination of vehicles.

(5) Before April 30, 1991, subsections (b) and (c) of this section do not apply to any combination of vehicles carrying manifested international freight AS THE ONLY LOAD OF THE VEHICLES in a SEALED, SEAGOING container [or in a 20-foot] ON A semitrailer titled and registered before May 1, [1986] 1987. However, this combination of vehicles is subject to the maximum load limits of 20,000 pounds for a single axle, 34,000 pounds for 2 consecutive axles, and [73,000] ~~78,000~~ 79,000 pounds for gross combination weight.

24-113.1.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, AND SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY, BY REGULATION, MAY DETERMINE THAT A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES CARRYING MANIFESTED INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT AS THE ONLY LOAD OF THE VEHICLE IN A SEALED, SEAGOING CONTAINER ON A SEMITRAILER IS ~~DEEMED-TO-BE~~ CARRYING AN INDIVISIBLE LOAD PROVIDED THAT:

(1) A VEHICLE ISSUED A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED 22,400 POUNDS GROSS MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR A SINGLE AXLE, 40,000 POUNDS GROSS MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE AXLES, OR 90,000 POUNDS GROSS MAXIMUM WEIGHT; AND

(2) A VEHICLE ISSUED A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE OPERATED ONLY ON:

(I) THOSE PARTS OF THE INTERSTATE AND STATE SYSTEMS OF HIGHWAYS THAT ARE DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;

(II) ANY OTHER HIGHWAY, AUTHORIZED BY THE SECRETARY, THAT IS THE SHORTEST PRACTICAL ROUTE BETWEEN A HIGHWAY DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) AND:

1. A TRUCK TERMINAL;

2. A PORT OR OTHER POINT OF ORIGIN OR DESTINATION; OR