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- (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.
- (d) As to an overweight vehicle carrying an indivisible load:
- (1) If it is the first indivisible load overweight violation by the driver of the vehicle, the vehicle may be allowed to proceed, after a permit to do so is obtained from the State Highway Administration; and
- (2) If it is a second or subsequent indivisible load overweight violation by the driver of the vehicle, the vehicle shall return with its load to its place of entry or origin in this State, after a permit to do so is obtained from the State Highway Administration.
- (e) As to an overweight vehicle carrying perishable products as its only load:
- (1) If it is the first perishable load overweight violation during the calendar year by the driver of the vehicle, the vehicle shall be allowed to proceed to its destination; and
- (2) If it is a second or subsequent perishable load overweight violation during the calendar year by the driver of the vehicle, the vehicle may not be moved until the excess weight is unloaded.

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- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) "Hazardous materials inspector" means a person who is assigned by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and certified by the Maryland State Police to perform an inspection authorized under this section.

(3) "Police officer" means:

- (i) Any uniformed law enforcement officer; or
- (ii) Any civilian employee of the Maryland State Police assigned to enforce any rule or regulation adopted under this section, but only while acting under written authorization of the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police.