

to December 31, 1983 and which cannot comply with the weight limitations imposed by the exterior axle measurements.

(4) Upon application to the Department by the owner of a vehicle qualifying under paragraph (2) or (3) of this subsection, the Department may issue a special registration or permit to allow the operation of the vehicle under the exemption provided in this subsection until April 30, 1991.

(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 on a semitrailer titled and registered before May 1, 1987. However, this combination of vehicles [is]:

(I) IS subject to the maximum load limits of 20,000 pounds for a single axle, 34,000 pounds for 2 consecutive axles, and 79,000 pounds for gross combination weight; AND

(II) MAY ONLY BE OPERATED ON ANY PART OF THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM OR OTHER STATE SYSTEM HIGHWAYS THAT ARE DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OR ON A HIGHWAY THAT IS THE SHORTEST PRACTICAL ROUTE BETWEEN A DESIGNATED HIGHWAY AND A TRUCK TERMINAL, OR POINT OF ORIGIN-DESIGNATION FOR CARGO, OR, FOR A DISTANCE NOT TO EXCEED 1 MILE, FACILITIES FOR FOOD, FUEL, REPAIRS, OR REST.

[(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, 3 consecutive axles with a spacing of at least 97 inches (more than 8 feet) may carry a gross maximum weight of 42,000 pounds.]

(c) The following table indicates the permissible overall gross weights based upon the above formula:

Distance in feet between the extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive							
axles	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles	
4	34,000						
5	34,000						
6	34,000						
7	34,000						
8 AND LESS	34,000	34,000					
MORE THAN 8	38,000	42,000					
9	39,000	42,500					
10	40,000	43,500					
11		44,000					
12		45,000	50,000				