

(2) Eliminate undue hardships to political subdivisions, contractors, and the movers of heavy or large equipment; and

(3) Make possible, when circumstances justify, the issuing of permits under which more than one move can be made.

(b) The State Highway Administration and the Maryland State Police jointly may formulate rules and regulations that:

(1) Implement the statutes on the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles; and

(2) Establish fees and charges under these statutes.

(c) (1) Before a rule or regulation may be adopted or amended under this section, the [proposed rule, regulation, or amendment shall be published once a week for 2 successive weeks in at least two newspapers of general circulation in this State. The publication shall set forth the proposal and specify a time and place for] STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL HOLD a public hearing on it.

(2) After the hearing, the State Highway Administration may adopt the proposed rule, regulation, or amendment or any appropriate modification to it.

(d) In exceptional cases, special vehicle permits may be issued for vehicles exceeding maximum size and weight limitations; however, it is not intended to allow regular and continuous movement by a vehicle operating with a permit issued under this subsection.

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 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;