exclusive of nonload bearing safety and energy conservation devices, such as marker lamps, steps and handholds for entry and egress, front–mounted refrigeration units, and front–mounted air compressors.

(2)   The measurement of a combination of vehicles engaged in the transportation of automobiles or boats shall not include the overhang of the transported vehicles or boats or any retractable device on the rear of the combination when in use to support a transported vehicle.

(j)   Except as otherwise provided in this section:

(1)   In a combination of vehicles with a power unit that is a cargo–carrying vehicle, the overall length of the combination may not exceed [55] 62 feet;

(2)   Any other combination of vehicles may not exceed 55 feet; and

(3)   (i)   1.   A truck or truck tractor and semitrailer combination designed for and engaged exclusively in the transportation of automobiles or boats may not exceed 65 feet in length;

2.   A   stinger–steered   automobile   transporter   or   a saddle–mount or a full–mount combination may not exceed 75 feet in length; and

3.   A.   A maxi–cube vehicle described in subsection (a)(4)(i) of this section may not exceed 65 feet in length; and

B.   A maxi–cube vehicle described in subsection (a)(4)(ii) of this section may not exceed 60 feet in length;

(ii)   No other length requirements may be applied to the combinations of vehicles described in item (i) of this paragraph; and

(iii)   The combinations of vehicles described in item (i) of this paragraph 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:

1.   A truck terminal;

2.   A point of origin/destination for cargo; or

3.   For a distance not to exceed 1 mile, facilities for food, fuel, repairs, or rest.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

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