

(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.

(k) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (h) of this section, nothing shall prevent the operation of a combination of vehicles in which the semitrailer (single) does not exceed 48 1/2 feet in length or a combination of vehicles in which the semitrailer or trailer (double) does not exceed 28 1/2 feet in length for each unit; provided, the combination has been lawfully operated on the highways of this State prior to December 1, 1982.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (J)(1) OF THIS SECTION, NOTHING SHALL PREVENT A POWER UNIT, WHICH WAS EQUIPPED WITH A DROMEDARY BOX, DECK, OR PLATE AND WAS LEGALLY OPERATED IN MARYLAND PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 1982, IN COMBINATION WITH A SEMITRAILER OR TRAILER FROM EXCEEDING THE OVERALL LENGTH LIMIT OF 55 FEET.

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(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.

(2) To qualify under this subsection the vehicle must have been titled and registered in this State prior to December 31, 1983, and when operated singly or in combination with another vehicle, cannot comply with the weight limitations imposed by the interior axle measurements.

(3) This exception shall also apply to a single unit vehicle that has been titled and registered in this State prior 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.