

~~(1) THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS USED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION TO OR FROM A FARM OF ANY FARM SUPPLIES OR FARM PRODUCTS AS DEFINED UNDER § 10-601 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE; AND~~

~~(2) THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE FARM SUPPLIES AND FARM PRODUCTS IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE DOES NOT TAKE PLACE ON AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY.~~

24-108.

(c) (1) [A] EXCEPT ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, A vehicle carrying agricultural PRODUCTS AS DEFINED UNDER § 10-601 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE or forest products that have been loaded in fields or other off-highway locations is permitted an axle load limit tolerance of 10 percent.

(2) [A] EXCEPT ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, A ~~[A]~~ single unit vehicle with 3 axles, or a combination of vehicles with a trailer less than 32 feet long, either registered as a farm vehicle or carrying agricultural products AS DEFINED UNDER § 10-601 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE THAT WERE LOADED IN FIELDS OR OTHER ~~OF HIGHWAY~~ OFF-HIGHWAY LOCATIONS, is permitted an axle load limit tolerance of 5 percent from § 24-109(b) and (c) of this subtitle, except during harvest time when a tolerance of 15 percent from § 24-109(b) and (c) of this subtitle is permitted for a vehicle carrying the following agricultural products:

- (i) Wheat, for the period from June 1 to August 15;
- (ii) Corn, for the period from July 1 to December 1; and
- (iii) Soybeans, for the period from September 1 to December 1.

(3) Except on interstate highways, a single unit vehicle with at least 3 axles or a combination of vehicles with a trailer length of less than 32 feet or a semitrailer length of 45 feet or less carrying forest products that have been loaded in forests or other similar off-highway locations is permitted an axle load limit tolerance of 5 percent from § 24-109(b) and (c) of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) until April 30, 1999, the provisions of § 24-109(b) and (c) of the Transportation Article do not apply to a single unit vehicle with 3 axles or a combination of vehicles with a freight trailer less than 32 feet long being operated on other than an interstate highway if:

(1) the vehicle or vehicle combination is owned or operated by a farmer, the farmer's agent or employee, or a person under contract to the farmer;

(2) the single unit vehicle or the freight trailer was titled and registered in the State before December 31, 1991 and has remained continuously registered in the State;