



MANITOBA



SASKATCHEWAN

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON

HARMONIZATION OF REGULATIONS AND COOPERATION ON
TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

BETWEEN

THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

AND

THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

(HEREINAFTER JOINTLY REFERRED TO AS THE "PARTICIPANTS")

WHEREAS Manitoba and Saskatchewan have a history of cooperation on harmonizing commercial vehicle regulations and policies;

WHEREAS at a joint Manitoba-Saskatchewan meeting of Cabinet in February 2010, Manitoba and Saskatchewan agreed that responsible Ministers will meet with transportation stakeholders to identify priorities and ideas for better harmonized transportation regulations;

WHEREAS at a joint Manitoba-Saskatchewan meeting of Ministers responsible for Transportation in June 2010, Manitoba and Saskatchewan consulted with transportation stakeholders and agreed to work towards harmonization of regulations to enhance regional competitiveness;

THEREFORE Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the parties to this Memorandum intend to undertake the following:

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

Manitoba and Saskatchewan commit to reduce barriers to interprovincial transportation by collaborating on policy and regulation for commercial vehicle operations within and between jurisdictions while ensuring highway safety is enhanced and the highway infrastructure is protected.

It is acknowledged that each jurisdiction may have policy and regulation which governs the intra-provincial operation of commercial vehicles which may have less restrictive conditions than those stipulated in this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 2: SCOPE

In order to cooperatively address issues and reduce barriers regarding commercial transportation policy, Manitoba and Saskatchewan intend to undertake the following:

- The harmonization of special permit conditions for turnpike doubles;
- The harmonization of special permit conditions for oversize and overweight indivisible loads;
- The harmonization of the maximum gross vehicle weight for B-trains;
- The harmonization of policy for tridem drive vehicles;
- The harmonization of escort vehicle requirements and training;
- The establishment of an inter-provincial heavy haul / high clearance corridor;
- The harmonization of regulations for bumpers designed to reduce the impact of wildlife collisions;

- The harmonization of special permit conditions for the movement of manufactured homes;
- The harmonization of regulation and permit conditions based on the National Safety Code;
- Cooperative commercial vehicle enforcement activities and facilities; and
- A joint research and pilot project to address common concerns regarding wide-based super single tires.

The parties agree to explore additional areas where there are opportunities for greater cooperation which may include:

- Implementation of a scheduling system to ensure two bordering vehicle inspection stations (weigh scales) do not check the same traffic;
- Additional joint inspection facilities which could be located near Fleming, SK (Moosomin Weigh Station);
- Collaborate on e-based permit issuance and routing; and,
- Harmonization of spring road restriction policy.

OTHER PROVISIONS

No legal or financial obligations created by the signing of this Memorandum.

This MOU is not a legally binding agreement, but an expression and record of the purpose and intention of the parties.

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed so as to affect the jurisdictional responsibility of either party.

COMING INTO EFFECT, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- 1) This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date it is signed by the Participants and will remain in effect for a period of five years from that date.
- 2) This Memorandum of Understanding may be renewed for an additional five years through mutual written consent of the Participants.

- 3) This Memorandum may be amended by agreement of the Participants in writing at any time.
- 4) Either Participant may terminate its involvement in this Memorandum by giving three months' prior notice in writing to the other Participant.

Signed in duplicate at Brandon, Manitoba on this 11th day of February, 2011.

For the Government of Manitoba

For the Government of Saskatchewan

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The Honourable Steve Ashton
Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation

The Honourable Jim Reiter
Minister of Highways and Infrastructure

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Witnessed by
The Honourable Greg Selinger
Premier of Manitoba

Witnessed by
The Honourable Ken Krawetz
Deputy Premier of Saskatchewan