



SUBJECT: Front Mounted Hose Reels on Hydro Vac Trucks

Managers, Victoria	Passenger Transportation Board	Commercial Transport Insp.
Regional CVSE Managers	Passenger Transportation Branch	(Inspection Stations)
Area Vehicle Inspectors	Carrier Safety Inspectors	ICBC
Deputy Director, CVSE	Government Agents	Supt of Motor Vehicles
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PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

An oversize permit is required in order to be compliant with Commercial Transport Regulations (CTR) if the forward hose reel exceeds 1 meter in overall length from the front bumper. To request a permit, the operator must have a Letter of Authorization from the Commercial Transport Program. Permits can be obtained on a monthly or yearly basis. You can obtain an oversize permit from the Provincial Permit Centre at 1-800-559-9688. Failure to do so could result in a fine of \$86 to \$115.

For a Letter of Authorization, please contact Jeffrey Monty, Manager Commercial Transport at 250-953-4017 or by email at Jeff.Monty@gov.bc.ca

BACKGROUND

Vehicles with front mounted hose reels do not comply with the *Commercial Transport Act* (CTA). According to the CTA, you cannot have any front projection from your front bumper; unless, you have permanently mounted equipment (PME). The definition of PME in the CTR does not include "hose reel". Therefore, the oversize permit and Letter of Authorization are required.

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