



Task Force on Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Policy

Nova Scotia Update - 2023

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Extreme Weather Impacts



Historic Flooding and Wildfire season in Province

Loss of life, Significant property damage

Major infrastructure damage from flooding, including nearly:

- 500 sections of road
- 60 failed culverts, dams and infrastructure
- 50 bridges

Major fires covering over 25,000 hectares and 200 homes

Traffic Safety Act:

- Regulations final drafting underway
- System & Operational analysis being completed for transition

Motor Vehicle Act:

- One 2023 amendment – Bill 327
- Streamlines use of automated flagger assistance devices
- Removing the requirement for the Traffic Authority to approve a company's plan for using the device.

ELDs:

- Federal Mandate in effect Jan 1, 2023
- Carriers operating only in Nova Scotia are not required to have an ELD at this time.
- <https://novascotia.ca/tran/trucking/eld.asp>

Registry of Motor Vehicles Modernization

Multi-year initiative started to replace aging IT infrastructure in support of the Registry

\$50+M budget

Major IT restructure of core systems related to drivers and vehicles

Will provide modern services to meet the needs of Nova Scotians and support future legislative changes

Current system decades old, with last major update in 2007

Ongoing Pilot Programs in Nova Scotia:

- **60' Extended Semitrailer Pilot Program**
 - Established in 2020, min. 5-year duration
 - Annual Permits
 - Established routes and frequencies identified by carrier
 - Full guidelines available online:
<https://novascotia.ca/tran/trucking/ExtendedTrailerGuidelines.pdf>
- **LCV program**
- **Wide based tires allowed by permit**
- **Roll-Coupled Hitch Pilot for Category 5 Truck/Trailer combination**
- **Farm Combination Vehicle Pilot Program**
<https://novascotia.ca/tran/trucking/vehiclewghtsdims.asp>

Rest Areas:

- **Cobequid Pass rest area under construction**
 - **1.8km west of Toll Plaza, Hwy 104**
 - **Washroom facilities**
 - **Parking and walking areas**
 - **Picnic Tables**
 - **Anticipated completion date July 2024**

Thank You