

# Prince Edward Island Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Task Force Meeting  
Montreal, Quebec  
2023 Updates

**In the spring of 2023, The Department completed a substantial amendment to the Roads Act, Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Regulations.**

**Most of the recent amendments had previously been implemented by enforcement policy and are now clearly demonstrated in the Regulations.**

- **The definitions section of the regulations was updated to include several new definitions as well as amendments to existing definitions to modernize the terminology.**
- **The maximum allowable weights for wide base single tires on non-steer axles was increased.**

- **All non-steering axles equipped with single tires of widths of 445 mm or greater will be allowed 9,100 kgs as equal to dual tire equipped axles.**
- **All non-steering axles equipped with single tires of widths less than 445 mm will be capped at 6,000 kgs.**

- **There was an amendment added to the regulations that confirms maximum allowable dimension limits for any vehicle that does not match any category in the Schedule Diagrams.**
- **This was a suggestion from Legislative Counsel to clearly define maximum length, width and height of vehicles and makes it clearer for industry that may be seeking this information.**

- **The maximum dimension limits amendment also included a section exempting items from the length, width and heights measurements such as cargo securement devices, side mirrors, antennas and aerodynamic devices that meet the descriptive within the regulations.**
- **included in the maximum dimension amendment is the allowance of longer A, B, C trains to 27.5 m that was previously implemented by an enforcement policy.**

- **The recent regulatory amendment included the addition of a table depicting longer wheelbase tractors and the associated maximum semi-trailer wheelbases in B-train configurations.**
- **Three new vehicle configurations, previously requiring permits, were added to the Schedule in the regulations, eliminating the need for permits.**
  - **Tridem Drive Tractor Semi-Trailer**
  - **Tractor Self-Steer Quad Axle Semi-Trailer**
  - **Stinger Steer Automobile or Boat Carrier**

- **As with most regulatory amendments, there were also a number of minor housekeeping changes for clarity and/or corrective wording.**
- **These amendments were implemented in the spring of 2023 and facilitated the removal of the requirement of several permits.**



- **The pandemic caused a huge disruption in commercial vehicle enforcement in Prince Edward Island as our Peace Officers were redeployed to border security, which came with its challenges.**
- **As we transition back to our regular enforcement duties, I am pleased to report that we recently certified six new Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Level 1 Inspectors that have been added to our team.**

- Looking to the future, I am pleased to report that I have received approval from my Director to prepare a regulatory amendment, adding a “ *Specialized Vehicles* “ Category that will include Recreational Vehicle Trailers with ball hitch or fifth wheel couplings.
- Thank You!
- Questions?