

Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement

Commercial Transport Department

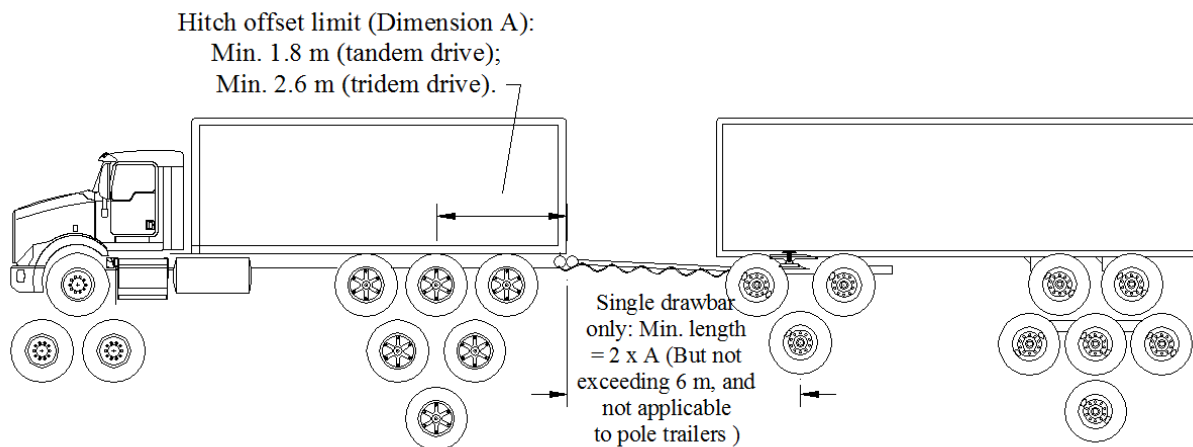
NOTICE

To All Permit Issuers, Industry and the General Public

Re: Reminder of Drawbar and Hitch offset Requirements for Straight truck and Full Trailer combinations - Appendices B and F of the Commercial Transport Regulation (CTR)

This notice is an update for industry, staff, and the general public of the hitch offset limits and maximum drawbar limits associated with straight truck and full trailer combinations (shown on Appendix F of the CTR.)

The hitch offset limits are 1.8 meters for single and tandem drive trucks, and 2.6 meters for tridem drive trucks. Minimum drawbar limit is two times the hitch offset, for a maximum combination of hitch offset and drawbar at 6 meters in length.



In 2011, BC agreed with government partners in Alberta and Saskatchewan to increase the hitch offset for a tridem drive truck to 2.6 meters from 2.5 meters, to ensure consistency in cross border travel. This increase of 10 cm means that the drawbar must decrease by 10 cm to ensure the vehicle combination still falls within regulatory allowances of BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Key Definitions:

"drawbar length" means the longitudinal distance from the centre of the hole in the fifth wheel of a converter dolly or turntable center to the center of the hitching device on the towing vehicle;

"hitch offset" means the longitudinal distance from the truck or trailer turn centre to the articulation point of the hitch used to tow the following vehicle;

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification, please contact Jeff Monty, Manager, Commercial Transport, CVSE, telephone: (250) 953-4017 or email: Jeff.Monty@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,



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