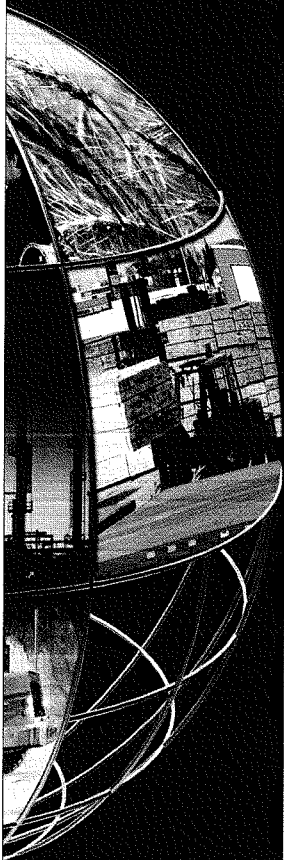


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## POSITIVE CHANGES TO EEMV TRUCK TRANSPORT REGULATIONS

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure has announced changes to its Energy Efficient Motor Vehicle (EEMV) Agreement that will have significant, positive impacts on the truck transport sector.

Effective Feb. 1, 2010:

- Speeds increase to 100 km/h (from 90 km/h) for Turnpike Doubles, Triple Trailer Units and Queen City Triples to a maximum 41 metres in length on designated 4-lane highways.
- A requirement by transport companies to monitor all speeds through tacographs or similar devices is abolished for EEMV partners.
- To ensure safety, truck transport companies are required to make a reasonable effort to determine how adverse weather is along transport routes.
- B-train configuration gross vehicle weight (GVW) will increase to 63,500 kgs. (from 62,500 kgs) "sometime later this year".

The changes were outlined by Highways Minister Jim Reiter during a meeting Jan 21, 2010, between ministry officials and the Saskatchewan Trucking Association (STA).

The changes arise from a combination of moving some regulatory components to Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) from the highways ministry, and, as a result of a MOU with the Alberta Government. The MOU initiates a number of regulatory harmonization aspects on weights and dimensions for truck transport. Both governments will seek common solutions to some compliance issues, border weigh/inspection facilities and wide-base tires, among other things.

STA President Glen Ertell described the latest changes as another positive step on the Western Canada harmonization front. "Our industry's relationship with the ministry [of highways] continues to grow. There's a constructive dialogue going on here and these changes show they're listening."

Representatives of the Alberta Motor Transport Association (AMTA) and the Manitoba Trucking Association (MTA) enthusiastically welcomed the changes as crucial to bringing about greater regulatory harmonization in Western Canada.

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