

## **Application for Advance Approval for Exceptional Moves on a Project Basis**

### **Purpose**

Consideration may be given to provide Service Nova Scotia with an advanced approval to issue exceptional move (over-dimensional/over-weight) permits to a transport company for the movement of a specific list of commodities. Such movements are to be made by specified vehicle configurations that are connected to one defined project, such as girders for a particular bridge. Projects must contain a minimum of five exceptional moves to be eligible for advanced approval consideration.

### **Procedure(s)**

- 1 Prior to any consideration for advance approval, the transport company must submit in writing to Service Nova Scotia the required information a minimum of sixty (60) days before the anticipated start date.

#### Required Information:

- a description of the project and the rationale for requesting the advance approval.
- a listing of the exact number of exceptional loads and exact description of all commodities that are to be moved for the project.
- a list identifying all vehicles and each combination of vehicles that could be used for the move. For each vehicle or combination of vehicles listed, the description is to include all dimensions (width, length and overall height). If over-weight, the transport company is to identify the vehicle configuration and its component units, note the number of axles, the number tires on each axle, the size of the tires, maximum tire pressure, the axle spreads, the interaxle spacings, the registered vehicle weight, the requested maximum gross vehicle weight and the individual axle weights.
- the detailed route that each load will travel.
- the specific time period that the project will be active.

- 2 Service Nova Scotia and/or the Department of Transportation and Public Works (TPW) may ask for clarification and/or additional information pertaining to the project and the application.
- 3 Once the application is complete, Service Nova Scotia will forward all information to TPW for review. TPW will review the information and apply conditions as they pertain to circumstances around the project and to over-weight or over-dimensional issues. If approval is granted, TPW will supply Service Nova Scotia with a start and stop date for which the advance approval is valid, as well as a set of conditions that will apply for the life of the project.
- 4 General conditions for Advance Approval for Exceptional Moves on a Project Basis are to be drawn from TPW's over-dimensional and over-weight policies, as well as other conditions to be determined by TPW.
- 5 The applicant still must apply for a permit from Service Nova Scotia for each move associated with the project. Service Nova Scotia will inform TPW of each move associated with the project, however, TPW approval will not be required for each individual move.
- 6 Every effort will be made to provide the applicant with a response and/or approval within thirty (30) days of submission.
- 7 **TPW reserves the right to apply new conditions or make changes to the approval due to operational needs, such as the closure of a bridge or maintenance/construction activities.**

### **Accountability**

TPW is responsible for the review and approval of all exceptional moves and advance approvals. Service Nova Scotia is responsible for enforcement and the issuing of Special Move Permits.

### **Monitoring**

This procedure is to be monitored by the Director of Driver and Vehicle Safety, Service Nova Scotia, in conjunction with both the Highway Operations and the Structural Engineering Sections of TPW.

*Division: Highway Operations*  
*Section: Maintenance*  
*Function: Operations Admin. (HO 2.30.59.2)*  
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**References**

Polices and Procedures Manual 23, Procedure #PR5033, Over-Dimensional Moves  
Policies and Procedures Manual 23, Procedure #PR5049, Over-Weight Moves  
Weights and Dimensions of Vehicles Regulations - Motor Vehicle Act.

**Schedules**

None

**Enquiries**

Structural Engineering for Over-Weight  
or  
Highway Operations for Over-Dimensional

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