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INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN**Heavier Trucks on the Interstate**

Effective January 13, 2010, a pilot program expiring on December 16, 2010, allows the operation of permitted vehicles on the designated state highway system and highways designated as the national system of interstate and defense highways, at increased weights. Unless authorized by federal law, this does not apply to operation on interstate and defense highway 189, (one-eighty-nine). 189 is from I-89, Exit 13, 1 ½ miles to the junction of US 7 in South Burlington. 189 was omitted from the federal law, we are hopeful that Congress will remedy this oversight.

An Excess Weight Permit will be required prior to operating on the above highways. The 90,000 lb. Unprocessed Forest Products has been changed to "All Products". There are now 2 categories' for the 90,000 lb "All Products", you have the option of a 5 axle or 6 axle category depending on the number of axles and the axle distance. The 99,000 lb permit has been changed to include "All Products". If you have an Excess Weight Permit for any other Excess Weight Permit category, travel on the interstate is authorized.

If you currently have an Excess Weight Permit that allows you to operate at 90,000 Lbs., it will be honored for "all products". The 99,000 lb permit will also be honored for "all products". Attached is a copy of the revised Special Excess Weight Permit, the valid permits you currently hold will not be replaced unless a new weight category is being requested or upon expiration.

Full permit fees will be charged unless you are upgrading from a 90,000 lb "all products" to a 99,000 lb "all products". In this case the difference in permit fees will be charged. Permit requests must be mailed or hand carried to the Commercial Vehicle Operations Unit in Montpelier.

Commercial Vehicle Inspectors from the Department of Motor Vehicles will be closely monitoring and enforcing weight limits and the driving behavior of commercial vehicle drivers that are subject to the benefits of the pilot program.

If you have any questions, please contact Commercial Vehicle Operations at 802-828-2066.

Robert D. Ide, Commissioner