

**1. GENERAL**

This special permit must be carried with the vehicle using same and must be available at all times for inspection by proper authorities. This permit is subject to revocation or cancellation at any time. The applicant assumes responsibility for and obligates himself to pay for any damages caused to highways, roads, bridges, railroad crossings, structures or any other state-owned property while using this permit. Issuance of this permit is not assurance or warranty by the State or DOTD that the highways, roads, bridges, railroad crossings, and structures are capable of carrying the vehicle and load for which this permit is issued; nor shall issuance stop the State or said department from any claim which may arise for damage to its property.

**The applicant hereby accepts this permit at his own risk. The applicant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Department and its duly appointed agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liabilities, losses, damages, cost or expense including attorney fees sustained by reason of the exercise of the permit, whether or not the same may have been caused by negligence of the Department, its agent or employees.**

When required, by the permit, the vehicle and load for which the permit is issued shall be accompanied by a proper escort, State Police or otherwise, all at the expense of the user: and such other conditions or requirements as are herein imposed by the Secretary shall be complied with. This permit is issued pursuant to R.S. 32:380 thru 32:389 which is made part hereof by reference and of which applicant takes cognizance. By using this permit, permittee certifies that the information supplied by him contained in his application for this is correct; that he made application to induce the issuance of the permit; that he fully understands all the provisions and requirements thereof and of said R.S. 32:380 thru 32:389 and that he accepts all conditions and assumes all of the obligations imposed thereby.

**2. TIME RESTRICTIONS**

**Hours of operation are from sunrise to sunset, as determined by the National Weather Service.**

Unless otherwise excluded on the permit, vehicles and loads requiring a permit are prohibited from traveling at night, in inclement weather, and on certain designated holidays. The primary concern is the safety of the motoring public. Vehicles and loads traveling during inclement weather or at night must be equipped with all necessary safety lights.

**3. SPEED LIMITS**

All permit loads are not to exceed 55 MPH.

**4. INTERSTATE /BRIDGE MOVEMENT**

- a) Vehicles and loads over 16 feet wide may not travel on the Interstate in Louisiana.
- b) Vehicles and loads with **Agronomic/Horticultural Permits - except Sugar Cane**: Beginning August 1, 2012, the secretary shall not issue an annual Agronomic/Horticulture special permits pursuant to the provisions of this Section to any owner or operator of a vehicle hauling sugarcane who has not added an additional single axle on the sugarcane trailer for a total of six axles for the vehicle and trailer combination. **R.S. 32:387.7 Act 462** The axle must be equipped with dual mounted tires lowered to the ground and functioning as a load bearing axle when hauling sugarcane. **Cotton Module Permits, Forest Management Equipment Permits, Forest Product Permits, House Movers Equipment Permits, Oil Field Equipment Permits, Refuse Permits, Refuse Waste Permits, Pleasure Craft Permits, Solid Waste Permits, and Timber Cutting/logging Equipment Permits** are prohibited from traveling on Interstate highways.
- c) **All Permit loads** may not cross any bridge spanning the Mississippi River or be within 2 miles of such bridge in **Jefferson Parish or Orleans Parish** between 6:30 AM – 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
- d) **No movement for vehicles and loads over 12 feet wide**  
Between: 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM **and** 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM, Mon- Fri

**Shreveport:**

Interstate 20 from Interstate 220 on east side of Bossier City to Interstate 220 on west side of Shreveport, also the **Jimmie Davis Bridge on LA 511.**

**Monroe:**

Interstate 20 from the eastern city limits of Monroe to the western city limits of West Monroe.

**Lake Charles:** All of Interstate 210; Interstate 10 from LA 397 on the east to LA 108 at Westlake on the west.

**Baton Rouge:** All of Interstate 110, Interstate 10 from Bluebonnet Boulevard on the east to the Mississippi River on the west. Interstate 12 from O'Neal on the east to the junction with Interstate 10 on the west.

**New Orleans:** All of Interstate 610, Interstate 10 from Paris Road on the east to Williams Boulevard on the west. This is not to include US 90 – Business from its intersection with Interstate 10 in New Orleans westbound.

**West Baton Rouge Parish:** LA 1 Northbound from the town of Addis north to US 190.

**5. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Vehicles and loads requiring a permit are prohibited from traveling during weather which is physically severe- such as extremely heavy rain, heavy fog, icy road conditions, heavy snow, or any continuous condition which creates low visibility for drivers or hazardous driving conditions.

**6. PRIVATE ESCORTS**

Private escorts are required for all vehicles and loads:

Over 12 feet wide and up to 16 feet wide

Over 90 feet long and up to 125 feet long

(State Police escorts are required for loads exceeding these dimensions)

**7. SCALE REQUIREMENTS**

All permit loads **must** enter each scale house, including those with Weigh-In-Motion and/or Pre-pass regardless of sign/signal messages.

**8. RED WARNING FLAGS**

Flags not less than 18 inches square, are required for vehicles and loads which exceed the legal width.

**9. WARNING SIGNS**

Vehicles and loads exceeding 10 feet in width, legal length or the legal rear end overhang must display signs with the wording "OVERSIZE LOAD". All warning signs must be at least 7 feet long and 18 inches high. The background must be yellow and the letters black. Letters must be at least 10 inches high with a 1 inch brush stroke.