

COMMISSION MINUTES

July 8, 2025

IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

July 8, 2025

Lincoln Highway Conference Center - Iowa DOT Complex
Ames, Iowa

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On Tuesday, July 8, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 9:30 a.m. in the Lincoln Highway Conference Room. Transportation-related matters will be discussed, but no action will be taken.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Commission Order No. C-2026-1
Submitted by Sally Stutsman Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date July 8, 2025
Title Election of Commission Officers

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

As a part of the first meeting on or after July 1 of each year, the Commission is required to take action on the following:

In accordance with Iowa Code section 307A.1A, the “commission shall meet in July of each year for the purpose of electing one of its members as chairperson.” In addition, it is the desire of the Commission that one of its members be designated as vice chairperson to act in the absence of the chairperson.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended Ray Gaesser be elected chairperson, and Bill Anderson be elected vice chairperson for the period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Juckette Seconded by Mulgrew Gronen

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Anderson	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gaesser	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Quirk	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Stutsman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Division Legal State Director
Director

Commissioner Stutsman called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm on July 8, 2025, at the Lincoln Highway Conference Room, Ames, Iowa.

Commissioners present: Sally Stutsman, Ray Gaesser, Rich Arnold, Linda Juckette, Mary Mulgrew Gronen, Bill Anderson and Brian Quirk.

C-2026-1

Sally Stutsman, Commission Chair

Commissioner Stutsman asked if there was a nomination for chair and vice chair of the Commission.

Commissioner Arnold nominated Ray Gaesser as chair and Bill Anderson to be vice chair.

Commissioner Juckette moved and Commissioner Mulgrew Gronen seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

Commissioner Gaesser expressed appreciation to former Commission Chair Stutsman for her service and gave her an honorary gavel as outgoing chair.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office Order No. D-2026-2
Submitted by Jill Smith Phone No. 515-239-1067 Meeting Date July 8, 2025
Title Approve Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Anderson Seconded by Juckette

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Anderson	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gaesser	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Quirk	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Stutsman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Division Director Legal State Director

D-2026-2

Jill Smith, Executive Assistant

Commissioner Gaesser asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2025, Commission meeting.

Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Juckette seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

Commission Comments

There were no comments.

DOT Comments

Director Marler thanked Sally Stutsman for her service as Commission Chair and congratulated Ray Gaesser on his newly appointed role as Commission Chair.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Motor Vehicle Division Order No. MV-2026-3
Submitted by Kathleen Meradith-Eyers Phone No. 515-231-1230 Meeting Date July 8, 2025
Title Administrative Rules—761 IAC Chapter 511, Special Permits for Operation and Movement of Vehicles and Loads of Excess Size and Weight

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The rulemaking proposes to rescind and repromulgate Chapter 511 in accordance with Executive Order 10.

Proposed Chapter 511 complies with Iowa Code chapter 321E by outlining the application and eligibility requirements to obtain special permits for operation and movement of vehicles and loads of excess size and weight. A special permit is required before overweight or overdimensional vehicles may operate on Iowa roadways unless the movement is specifically exempted. The chapter also implements designation of economic export corridors as authorized by Iowa Code section 321.457.

The public comment period ended on May 20, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

A complete summary explaining the proposed rulemaking is included in the attached Notice of Intended Action.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Commission approve repromulgating Chapter 511.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Mulgrew Gronen Seconded by Stutsman

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Anderson	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gaesser	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Quirk	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Stutsman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Division Director Legal State Director

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to special permits for operation and movement of vehicles and loads of excess size and weight and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Transportation Department hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 511, “Special Permits for Operation and Movement of Vehicles and Loads of Excess Size and Weight,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 307.12(1)“j,” 321.457(2)“n” and 321E.15.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 29C.6, 312.2, 321.12, 321.122, 321.454, 321.456, 321.457, 321.463 and 321.492 and chapter 321E.

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking proposes to repromulgate Chapter 511 in compliance with Executive Order 10. Proposed Chapter 511 complies with Iowa Code chapter 321E by outlining the application and eligibility requirements to obtain special permits for operation and movement of vehicles and loads of excess size and weight. A special permit is required before overweight or overdimensional vehicles may operate on Iowa roadways unless the movement is specifically exempted. The chapter also implements designation of economic export corridors as authorized by Iowa Code section 321.457.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on February 5, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- February 28, 2025

The Department received no comments.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 761—Chapter 11.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 20, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

Tracy George
Department of Transportation

DOT Rules Administrator, Office of the Director
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010
Phone: 515.239.1358
Email: tracy.george@iowadot.us

Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally will be held as follows:

May 20, 2025 9 to 9:30 a.m.	Microsoft Teams link Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 935 424 80
May 20, 2025 3 to 3:30 p.m.	Microsoft Teams link Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 237 145 626

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing impairments, should contact Tracy George and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 761—Chapter 511 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 511 SPECIAL PERMITS FOR OPERATION AND MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES AND LOADS OF EXCESS SIZE AND WEIGHT

761—511.1(321E) Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Compacted rubbish vehicle*” means any vehicle hauling rubbish that has been mechanically compacted with a hydraulic, electric, or air-operated ram.

“*Dimensions*” or “*size*” means length, width or height limits.

“*Emergency interstate permit*” means a permit issued under Iowa Code section 321E.29B.

“*Fluid milk product*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321E.29B(3).

“*Indivisible load*” means any load or vehicle exceeding applicable length or weight limits that, if separated into smaller loads or vehicles, would:

1. Compromise the intended use of the vehicle, i.e., make it unable to perform the function for which it was intended;
2. Destroy the value of the load or vehicle, i.e., make it unusable for its intended purpose; or
3. Require more than eight work hours to dismantle using appropriate equipment. The applicant for an indivisible load permit has the burden of proof as to the number of work hours required to dismantle the load.

“*Overdimensional*” or “*oversize*” means the exceeding of statutory length, width or height limits.

“*Permit*” means a permit issued under Iowa Code chapter 321E for the movement of an overdimensional or overweight vehicle, combination of vehicles, or vehicle with load. The term includes any additions or supplements thereto issued by the permit-issuing authority.

“Permit-issuing authority” means the:

1. Department’s motor vehicle division for permits for movement on the primary road system.
2. Authority responsible for the maintenance of a nonprimary system of highways or streets for permits for movement on that system. However, the motor vehicle division may issue single-trip permits on primary road extensions in cities in conjunction with movement on the rural primary road system.

“Primary roads” or *“primary road system”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 306.3. The primary road system includes the interstate road system.

“Raw forest products” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321E.26.

“Rubbish” means any unwanted or useless material that has no commercial or practical value or use and that would normally be discarded.

“Special or emergency situation” means one or more of the following:

1. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with cities, counties, other state agencies or other states in response to a national or other disaster.
2. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with national defense officials.
3. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with public or private utilities in order to maintain their public services.
4. Circumstances where the movement is essential to ensure safety and protection of any person or property due to an event such as but not limited to pollution of natural resources, a potential fire or an explosion.
5. Circumstances where weather or transportation problems create an undue hardship for citizens of the state of Iowa.
6. Circumstances where the movement involves emergency-type vehicles.
7. Uncommon or extraordinary circumstances where the movement is essential to the existence of an Iowa business and the move may be accomplished without causing undue hazards to the safety of the traveling public or undue damage to private or public property.
8. Other unique circumstances that warrant the issuance of a permit as determined by the permit-issuing authority.

“Stafford Act” means the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law No. 93-288, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §5121 et seq.

“Statutory” when used with size or weight limits refers to those limits found in Iowa Code chapter 321.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321E.9, 321E.15, 321E.26, 321E.29, 321E.29B, 321E.30 and 321E.34.

761—511.2(321E) General information.

511.2(1) Permits may be obtained electronically upon making application to the motor vehicle division at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/oversize-overweight-trip-permits. Applications, forms, instructions and restrictions are also available by mail from the Motor Vehicle Division, Iowa Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 10382, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0382; in person at 6310 SE Convenience Boulevard, Ankeny, Iowa; by telephone at 515.237.3264; or by facsimile at 515.237.3257.

511.2(2) No overdimensional or overweight vehicle, combination of vehicles, or vehicle with load shall be moved on the highways of this state without permit except as provided in Iowa Code section 321.453.

511.2(3) Except as provided in rule 761—511.10(312,321,321E) or 761—511.18(321,321E), permits may be issued only for the transporting of a single article that exceeds statutory size or weight limits, or both, and that cannot reasonably be divided or reduced to statutory size and weight limits. However, permits may be issued for the transporting of property consisting of more than one article when:

- a. The statutory weight limits are not exceeded,
- b. One of the articles exceeds the statutory size limits, and
- c. The inclusion of other articles does not cause the statutory size limits to be exceeded by an additional amount.

511.2(4) Nothing in the permit shall be construed as waiving any load limits that have been or that might be established on any bridge or any road that is posted with embargo signs unless specifically stated on the permit.

511.2(5) The state of Iowa, the department, and any other permit-issuing authority assume no responsibility for the property of the permit holder. Permit holders shall hold permit-issuing authorities harmless of any damages that may be sustained by the traveling public, adjacent property owners or the highways of this state on account of movements made under permit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321E.2 and 321E.15.

761—511.3(321E) Movement under permit.

511.3(1) During the movement of a vehicle or object under permit, the permit holder shall comply with the terms and conditions of the permit and take all reasonable precautions to protect and safeguard the lives and property of the traveling public and adjacent property owners.

511.3(2) Movement shall be made only when roads are clear of ice and snow and visibility is at least one-quarter mile. Snow removal equipment operating under permit is exempt from this restriction while snow removal operations are conducted. Nothing in this subrule shall be construed to mean that the movement of a compacted rubbish vehicle permitted under rule 761—511.12(321E) is subject to this restriction.

511.3(3) Movement will be permitted only during the hours from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset unless the permit qualifies for continuous movement under subrule 511.3(5) or it is established by the permit-issuing authority that the movement can be better accomplished at another period of time.

511.3(4) Except as provided in Iowa Code section 321.457, no movement will be permitted on the holidays of Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, after 12 noon on days preceding these holidays and holiday weekends, during holiday weekends, or during special events when abnormally high traffic volumes can be expected. A holiday weekend occurs when the holiday falls on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday. No movement will be permitted until one-half hour before sunrise on the day after the holiday or holiday weekend.

511.3(5) Vehicles and loads may travel by permit between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise if, in addition to the general provisions and general requirements specified by the permit, the following conditions are met.

- a. Dimensions do not exceed:
 - (1) Width. 12 feet.
 - (2) Height. 14 feet, 6 inches.
 - (3) Length. 100 feet.
 - (4) Weight. Legal axle limits.
- b. Travel occurs on roadways with a minimum width of 22 feet and minimum lane width of 11 feet.
- c. Safety lighting is provided at the widest part of a load. The lamps may be placed at the outer ends of the load itself or on appurtenances that are equal in width to the widest part of the load and positioned at both the extreme front and rear of the vehicle or trailer as follows:
 - (1) One lighted red lamp on each side at the rear of the load.
 - (2) One lighted yellow or amber lamp on each side at the front of the load.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321E.2, 321E.11 and 321E.15.

761—511.4(321E) Permits. The department may issue permits in writing or in electronic format, including single-trip, multitrip, annual oversize, annual oversize/overweight, annual raw forest products, annual small crane, compacted rubbish, emergency interstate, annual fluid milk products, annual all-systems oversize, or annual all-systems overweight permits.

511.4(1) *Methods of issuance.* Permits for movement on the primary road system may be obtained in person, by facsimile, online, or by mail at the address in subrule 511.2(1).

511.4(2) *Forms.*

a. The department will accept applications for permits for movement on the primary road system online or in the form and manner prescribed by the department.

b. Other permit-issuing authorities receiving applications made upon department forms must deem the applications sufficient and properly made.

c. Subject to the preceding paragraph, permit-issuing authorities may adopt, amend or modify department forms provided that the amended or modified forms adequately identify the applicant, the hauling vehicle and load, the manner and extent that the vehicle with load exceeds the statutory size and weight limits, the route, and the authorization of the issuing authority. However, the load for a multitrip permit does not have to be identified but the vehicle and load cannot exceed either the weight per axle or the total weight identified on the multitrip permit. Axle spacings cannot change.

511.4(3) Validity.

a. Annual oversize, annual oversize/overweight, annual raw forest products, annual small crane, compacted rubbish, annual fluid milk products, annual all-systems oversize, and annual all-systems overweight permits expire one year from the date of issuance.

b. A single-trip permit is effective for five days.

c. The validity of a multitrip permit does not exceed 60 calendar days.

d. Emergency interstate permits issued under Iowa Code section 321E.29B are effective for 30 calendar days. However, the permit will not be valid past the expiration of the applicable governor's proclamation of disaster emergency issued under Iowa Code section 29C.6 in conjunction with the presidential declaration allowing interstate travel under the Stafford Act or the expiration of the declaration of major disaster under the Stafford Act, whichever expires first.

511.4(4) Duplicate permit. If a permit is lost or destroyed before it has expired, a duplicate permit may be issued at the discretion of the permit-issuing authority. The expiration date on the duplicate permit will be the same as on the original permit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321E.2, 321E.3, 321E.8, 321E.9, 321E.15 and 321E.29B.

761—511.5(321,321E) Fees and costs.

511.5(1) Issuance and payment. A permit will not be issued until the required fees and costs are paid in the manner and format prescribed by the department.

511.5(2) Special or emergency oversize permit for certain divisible loads. The fee for each single-trip permit issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 321E.27 is \$35.

511.5(3) Permit transfers. The department may allow transfer of the following permit types to a replacement vehicle when the original vehicle has been damaged in an accident, junked or sold:

a. Annual oversize/overweight.

b. Annual all-systems overweight.

c. Annual small crane.

511.5(4) Duplicate permit. The fee for a duplicate permit is \$2.

511.5(5) Registration fee. A registration fee will be charged for vehicles transporting buildings, except mobile homes and factory-built structures, on a single-trip basis. The vehicle shall be registered for the combined gross weight of the vehicle and load, and the fee is 5 cents per ton exceeding the weight registered under Iowa Code section 321.122 per mile of travel. Fees will not be prorated for fractions of miles.

511.5(6) Fair and reasonable costs. Permit-issuing authorities may charge any permit applicant:

a. A fair and reasonable cost for the removal and replacement of natural obstructions or official signs and signals.

b. A fair and reasonable cost for measures necessary to avoid damage to public property including structures and bridges.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.12, 321.122, 321E.8, 321E.9, 321E.14, 321E.15, 321E.29, 321E.29A and 321E.30.

761—511.6(321E) Insurance and bonds.

511.6(1) Insurance.

a. Permittees must maintain, and carry in the permitted vehicle a copy of the current insurance certificate as proof of, public liability insurance in the amounts of \$100,000 bodily injury each person, \$200,000 bodily injury each occurrence, and \$50,000 property damage with an expiration date to cover the tenure of the annual oversize, annual oversize/overweight, annual raw forest products, annual small crane, annual all-systems oversize, annual all-systems overweight, multitrip, emergency interstate, annual fluid milk products or single-trip permit. Proof of liability insurance may be either in writing or in electronic format.

b. Notwithstanding paragraph 511.6(1) “*a.*,” a carrier may act as a self-insurer if an application for self-insurance is filed with and approved by the department.

511.6(2) Bond.

a. The permit-issuing authority may require the applicant to file a bond, certified check or other assurance in an amount sufficient to cover the reasonably anticipated cost of damage or loss to private property, either real or personal, likely to be caused by or arising out of the movement of the vehicle and load or to ensure compliance with permit provisions.

b. The amount in the preceding paragraph may be reduced either in whole or in part by the applicant’s submission to the permit-issuing authority of written permission from an affected third party stating in substance that the third party either owns or has the right of exclusive possession and control over the affected property, does by the party’s signature consent to the move and that the applicant has in hand paid or secured the payment of the anticipated cost of loss or damage to the party’s property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321E.8, 321E.9, 321E.13, 321E.15 and 321E.29B.

761—511.7(321,321E) Annual oversize permits. Annual oversize permits are issued for indivisible vehicles or indivisible loads for travel when the dimensions of the vehicle or load exceed statutory limits but the weight is within statutory limits. Routing is subject to embargoed bridges and roads and posted speed limits. The owner or operator shall select a route using the vertical clearance map and road construction and travel restrictions map provided by the department. Route, detour and road embargo information may be found online at www.511ia.org or the department’s website for the embargo bridge maps at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/bridgemap.pdf. Annual oversize permits are issued for the following:

511.7(1) Vehicles with indivisible loads, including special mobile equipment, mobile homes and factory-built structures, provided the following are not exceeded.

a. Width. 12 feet 5 inches including appurtenances.

b. Length. 120 feet 0 inches overall.

c. Height. 13 feet 10 inches.

d. Weight. Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).

e. Distance. Movement is allowed for unlimited distance; routing through the motor vehicle division is not required.

511.7(2) Vehicles with indivisible loads, including special mobile equipment, mobile homes and factory-built structures, provided the following are not exceeded.

a. Width. 14 feet 6 inches.

b. Length. 120 feet 0 inches overall.

c. Height. 15 feet 5 inches.

d. Weight. Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).

e. Distance. Movement is restricted to 50 miles unless trip routes are obtained from the motor vehicle division or the route continues on at least four-lane roads. Trip routes are valid for five days.

511.7(3) Vehicles with indivisible loads, including special mobile equipment, mobile homes and factory-built structures, provided the following are not exceeded.

a. Width. 16 feet 0 inches.

b. Length. 120 feet 0 inches.

c. Height. 15 feet 5 inches.

d. Weight. Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).

e. Distance. Trip routes must be obtained from the motor vehicle division.

511.7(4) Truck trailers manufactured or assembled in the state of Iowa provided the following are met.

- a. Width.* Not to exceed 10 feet 0 inches.
- b. Length.* Overall combination length must comply with Iowa Code section 321.457.
- c. Height.* Statutory: Not to exceed 13 feet 6 inches.
- d. Weight.* Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).
- e. Roadway width.* At least 24 feet 0 inches.
- f. Limited movement.* Only movement limited to the purpose of delivery or transfer from the point of manufacture or assembly to another point of manufacture or assembly within the state or to a point outside the state and on the most direct route necessary for the movement is allowed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.454, 321.456, 321.457, 321.463, 321E.2, 321E.3, 321E.8, 321E.10, 321E.15 and 321E.29A.

761—511.8(321,321E) Annual oversize/overweight permits. Annual oversize/overweight permits are issued for indivisible vehicles or indivisible loads for travel when either the dimensions or the weight or both the dimensions and the weight exceed statutory limits. Travel is not allowed on the interstate. However, a carrier moving under this annual oversize/overweight permit may operate under the same restrictions as an annual oversize permit under rule 761—511.7(321,321E) when the vehicle meets the dimensions required by that rule. Routing is subject to embargoed bridges and roads and posted speed limits. Annual oversize/overweight permits are issued for the following:

511.8(1) Vehicles with indivisible loads, including special mobile equipment, mobile homes and factory-built structures, provided the following are not exceeded.

- a. Width.* 13 feet 5 inches.
- b. Length.* 120 feet 0 inches.
- c. Height.* 15 feet 5 inches.
- d. Weight.* Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).
- e. Routing.* The owner or operator shall select a route using a vertical clearance map, bridge embargo map, pavement restrictions map, and construction and travel restrictions map provided by the department. Route, detour and road embargo information may be found online at www.511ia.org or the department's website for the embargo bridge maps at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/bridgemap.pdf.

511.8(2) Reserved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.454, 321.456, 321.457, 321.463, 321E.2, 321E.3, 321E.8, 321E.9 and 321E.15.

761—511.9(321,321E) Annual all-systems oversize permits. Annual all-systems oversize permits are issued by the motor vehicle division for indivisible vehicles or indivisible loads for travel on the primary road system and specified city streets and county roads when the dimensions of the vehicle or load exceed statutory limits but the weight is within statutory limits. Routing is subject to embargoed bridges and roads and posted speed limits. The department will provide a map of the authorized city streets and county roads. Permit holders shall consult with local officials when traveling on county roads or city streets for bridge embargo, vertical clearance, detour, and road construction information. These permits are issued for the following:

511.9(1) Vehicles with indivisible loads, including special mobile equipment, mobile homes and factory-built structures, provided the following are not exceeded.

- a. Width.* 12 feet 5 inches including appurtenances.
- b. Length.* 120 feet 0 inches overall.
- c. Height.* 13 feet 10 inches.
- d. Weight.* Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).
- e. Distance.* Movement is allowed for unlimited distance; routing through the motor vehicle division and city and county jurisdictions is not required.

511.9(2) Vehicles with indivisible loads, including special mobile equipment, mobile homes and factory-built structures, provided the following are not exceeded.

- a. *Width.* 14 feet 6 inches.
- b. *Length.* 120 feet 0 inches overall.
- c. *Height.* 15 feet 5 inches.
- d. *Weight.* Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).
- e. *Distance.* Movement is restricted to 50 miles unless trip routes are obtained from the motor vehicle division and city and county jurisdictions or the route continues on at least four-lane roads. Trip routes are valid for five days.

511.9(3) Vehicles with indivisible loads, including special mobile equipment, mobile homes and factory-built structures, provided the following are not exceeded.

- a. *Width.* 16 feet 0 inches.
- b. *Length.* 120 feet 0 inches.
- c. *Height.* 15 feet 5 inches.
- d. *Weight.* Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).
- e. *Distance.* Trip routes must be obtained from the motor vehicle division and city and county jurisdictions.

511.9(4) Truck trailers manufactured or assembled in the state of Iowa provided the following are met.

- a. *Width.* Not to exceed 10 feet 0 inches.
- b. *Length.* Overall combination length complies with Iowa Code section 321.457.
- c. *Height.* Statutory: Not to exceed 13 feet 6 inches.
- d. *Weight.* Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).
- e. *Roadway width.* At least 24 feet 0 inches.
- f. *Limited movement.* Only movement limited to the purpose of delivery or transfer from the point of manufacture or assembly to another point of manufacture or assembly within the state or to a point outside the state and on the most direct route necessary for the movement is allowed.

511.9(5) Necessary trip routes must be obtained from the appropriate city and county jurisdictions.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.454, 321.456, 321.457, 321.463, 321E.2, 321E.3, 321E.8, 321E.10 and 321E.15.

761—511.10(312,321,321E) Annual all-systems overweight permits.

511.10(1) *Issuance.* Annual all-systems overweight permits are issued by the department for indivisible vehicles or indivisible or divisible loads for travel on the primary road system and specified city streets and county roads when the weight of the vehicle or load exceeds statutory limits but the dimensions are within statutory limits. Routing is subject to embargoed bridges and roads and posted speed limits. The department will provide a map of the authorized city streets and county roads. Permit holders shall consult with local officials when traveling on county roads or city streets for bridge embargo, vertical clearance, detour, and road construction information. These permits are issued for vehicles with divisible or indivisible loads provided the following are not exceeded.

- a. *Width.* Statutory: 8 feet 6 inches including appurtenances.
- b. *Length.* Statutory: 75 feet 0 inches overall.
- c. *Height.* Statutory: 13 feet 6 inches.
- d. *Weight.* Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).
- e. *Distance.* Movement is allowed for unlimited distance; routing through the motor vehicle division and city and county jurisdictions is not required.

511.10(2) *Distribution of monthly credit.* In accordance with Iowa Code section 312.2(18), the department will allocate the monthly credit as follows:

- a. The department will maintain a list of participating counties. The list will be updated on a monthly basis as determined by the department after consultation with county officials through their representative organizations.
- b. The monthly credit will be divided among the participating counties as determined by the department after consultation with county officials through their representative organizations.
- c. The funds from the monthly credit will be distributed to each participating county based on the list of participating counties for the applicable month.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 312.2, 321.454, 321.456, 321.457, 321.463, 321E.2, 321E.3, 321E.8, 321E.10 and 321E.15.

761—511.11(321,321E) Multitrip permits. Multitrip permits are issued for indivisible vehicles or indivisible loads for travel when either the dimensions or the weight or both the dimensions and the weight exceed statutory limits. The permit allows unlimited trips along a specific route between one point of origin and one point of destination. Additional routes will require a new permit. Multitrip permits are issued for the following:

511.11(1) Multitrip permits may be issued for vehicles with indivisible loads, including special mobile equipment, mobile homes and factory-built structures, provided the following are not exceeded.

- a. *Width.* 16 feet.
- b. *Length.* 120 feet.
- c. *Height.* 15 feet 5 inches.
- d. *Weight.* 156,000 pounds total gross weight.
- e. *Distance.* On routes specified by the permit-issuing authority.

511.11(2) Multitrip permits may be issued for all movements allowed under the single-trip permit provisions of rule 761—511.13(321,321E) provided the movement is within the size and weight limitations of subrule 511.11(1).

511.11(3) The dimensions listed on the permit are considered maximums. The movement is legal as long as the vehicle and load do not exceed these dimensions and the movement meets all other requirements of Iowa Code chapter 321E and this chapter.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.454, 321.456, 321.457, 321.463, 321E.2, 321E.3, 321E.9A and 321E.15.

761—511.12(321E) Compacted rubbish vehicle permits. All compacted rubbish vehicle permits issued by the department are subject to the following criteria:

511.12(1) Permits are issued in writing or in an electronic format and are to be carried in the vehicle for which the permit has been issued and made available for inspection by any peace officer or authorized agent of any permit-granting authority.

511.12(2) Movements by permit are allowed day and night, seven days a week, including holidays.

511.12(3) Vehicles traveling under permit are registered for the gross weight or combined gross weight of the vehicle and load.

511.12(4) Vehicles under permit are in compliance with posted bridge and road embargoes and speed limits.

511.12(5) Maximum axle weight allowed on the interstate system is 20,000 pounds on a single axle and 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321E.15 and 321E.30.

761—511.13(321,321E) Single-trip permits. Single-trip permits are issued for indivisible vehicles or indivisible loads for travel when either the dimensions or the weight or both the dimensions and the weight exceed statutory limits. The permit is for a specific route between an origin and destination. Single-trip permits are issued for the following:

511.13(1) Vehicles with indivisible loads, including special mobile equipment, mobile homes and factory-built structures, provided the following are not exceeded.

a. *Width.* Limited to the maximum physical limitations and clearances of the roadway and infrastructure along the intended route of travel.

b. *Length.* Limited to the maximum physical limitations and clearances of the roadway along the intended route of travel.

c. *Height.* Limited only to the height of underpasses, bridges, power lines, and other established height restrictions. The carrier is required to contact affected public utilities when the height of the vehicle with load exceeds 16 feet 0 inches. At the discretion of the permit-issuing authority, a written verification may be required from the affected utility.

d. *Weight.* Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).

e. *Distance*. Limited at the discretion of the permit-issuing authority. The following factors will be considered:

- (1) Road conditions.
- (2) Road width.
- (3) Traffic volume.
- (4) Weather conditions.
- (5) Roadside obstructions, including bridges, signs and overhead obstructions.

511.13(2) Reserved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.454, 321.456, 321.457, 321.463, 321E.2, 321E.3, 321E.9 and 321E.15.

761—511.14(321,321E) Annual raw forest products permits. Annual raw forest products permits are issued for vehicles transporting divisible loads of raw forest products when the weight exceeds statutory limits. Travel is not allowed on the interstate. The owner or operator shall select a route using the vertical clearance map, bridge embargo map, pavement restrictions map, and construction and travel restrictions map provided by the department. The owner or operator must contact the appropriate local authority for route approval to use this permit on county roads or city streets. Detour and road embargo information may be found online at: www.511ia.org. Routing is subject to embargoed bridges and roads and posted speed limits. Annual raw forest products permits are issued for the following:

511.14(1) Vehicles with divisible loads of raw forest products provided the following are not exceeded.

- a. *Width*. Statutory: 8 feet 6 inches.
- b. *Length*. Limited to the maximum dimensions in Iowa Code section 321.457.
- c. *Height*. Statutory: 13 feet 6 inches.
- d. *Weight*. Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).
- e. *Distance*. Unlimited.

511.14(2) Reserved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.463, 321E.2, 321E.3, 321E.15 and 321E.26.

761—511.15(29C,321,321E) Emergency interstate permit. Emergency interstate permits are issued for vehicles transporting divisible loads of relief supplies when the weight exceeds statutory limits. Routing is subject to embargoed bridges and roads and posted speed limits. The owner or operator shall select a route using the vertical clearance map and road construction and travel restrictions map provided by the department. Route, detour, and road embargo information may be found online at www.511ia.org or the department's website for the embargo bridge maps at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/bridgemap.pdf. The owner or operator must contact the appropriate local authority for route approval to determine if additional permits are necessary for county roads or city streets. Emergency interstate permits are issued for the following:

511.15(1) Vehicles with divisible loads of relief supplies, which may exceed the weight limits established under Iowa Code section 321.463 on the interstate highway system, provided the following are not exceeded.

- a. *Width*. Statutory: 8 feet 6 inches including appurtenances.
- b. *Length*. Limited to the maximum dimensions in Iowa Code section 321.457.
- c. *Height*. Statutory: 13 feet 6 inches.
- d. *Weight*. Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).
- e. *Distance*. Movement is allowed for unlimited distance on the interstate for 30 days not to

exceed the expiration of the applicable governor's proclamation issued in conjunction with the applicable declaration under the Stafford Act, or expiration of the applicable declaration under the Stafford Act, whichever expires sooner. In the event that more than one proclamation issued under Iowa Code section 29C.6 is in effect, only the proclamation issued in conjunction with the same event that caused the major disaster declaration under the Stafford Act governs the expiration date. Separate permits may be required for roads other than the interstate unless the governor, under the authority in

Iowa Code section 29C.6, suspends applicable permitting provisions under proclamation for the same event.

511.15(2) Reserved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 29C.6, 321.457, 321.463, 321E.15 and 321E.29B.

761—511.16(321,321E) Annual fluid milk products permits. Annual fluid milk products permits are issued for indivisible loads of fluid milk products for travel when the weight of the vehicle or load exceeds statutory limits. Routing is subject to embargoed bridges and roads and posted speed limits. The owner or operator shall select a route using the vertical clearance map and road construction and travel restrictions map provided by the department. Route, detour and road embargo for fluid milk products information may be found online at www.511ia.org or the department's website for the embargo bridge maps at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/bridgemap.pdf. Annual fluid milk products permits are issued for the following:

511.16(1) Vehicles with indivisible loads of fluid milk products provided the following are not exceeded.

- a. *Width.* Statutory: 8 feet 6 inches including appurtenances.
- b. *Length.* Statutory: 75 feet 0 inches overall.
- c. *Height.* Statutory: 13 feet 6 inches.
- d. *Weight.* Information contained in rule 761—511.17(321,321E).
- e. *Distance.* Movement is allowed for unlimited distance on the primary road system, including the interstate, provided the vehicle is transporting fluid milk products to or from a milk plant, receiving station, or transfer station; routing through the motor vehicle division is not required.

511.16(2) Reserved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.454, 321.456, 321.457, 321.463, 321E.2, 321E.3, 321E.8, 321E.10, 321E.15 and 321E.29A.

761—511.17(321,321E) Maximum axle weights and maximum gross weights for vehicles and loads moved under permit.

511.17(1) *Annual oversize, annual all-systems oversize, and annual all-systems overweight permits.*

- a. For movement under an annual oversize or annual all-systems oversize permit, the axle weight and combined gross weight cannot exceed the limits found in Iowa Code section 321.463(3).
- b. For movement under an all-systems overweight permit, the axle weight cannot exceed the limits found in Iowa Code sections 321.463(3) and 321E.8. The combined gross weight cannot exceed the gross weight authorized under Iowa Code section 321E.8(2).

511.17(2) *Annual oversize/overweight permits or annual raw forest products permits.* For movement under an annual oversize/overweight permit or an annual raw forest products permit, the gross weight on any axle cannot exceed 20,000 pounds, with a maximum of 156,000 pounds total gross weight.

511.17(3) *Multitrip permits.* For movement under a multitrip permit, the gross weight on any axle cannot exceed 20,000 pounds with a maximum of 156,000 pounds total gross weight.

511.17(4) *Single-trip permits.*

- a. For movement under a single-trip permit, the gross weight on any axle cannot exceed 20,000 pounds unless authorized under Iowa Code section 321E.9(2).
- b. If the combined gross weight exceeds 100,000 pounds, a single-trip permit may be issued for the movement only if the permit-issuing authority determines that it would not cause undue damage to the road and is in the best interest of the public.
- c. Cranes may have a maximum of 24,000 pounds per axle for movement under a single-trip permit. Routes must be reviewed by the permit-issuing authority prior to issuance.

511.17(5) *Emergency interstate permits.*

- a. For movement under this permit, the gross weight on any axle cannot exceed 20,000 pounds with a maximum of 90,000 pounds total gross weight.

b. The maximum weight on any single axle cannot exceed by more than 12.5 percent the maximum axle weight limit in the nonprimary highway maximum gross weight table in Iowa Code section 321.463(6)“b” and must comply with posted limits on roads and bridges.

511.17(6) *Annual fluid milk products permits.* For movement under an annual fluid milk products permit, the gross weight on any axle cannot exceed 20,000 pounds with a maximum of 96,000 pounds total gross weight.

511.17(7) *Annual small crane permit.* For movement under an annual small crane permit, the gross weight on any axle cannot exceed 24,000 pounds with a maximum of 80,000 pounds total gross weight.

511.17(8) *Special mobile equipment.* Special mobile equipment may have a gross weight of 36,000 pounds on any single axle equipped with minimum size 26.5-inch by 25-inch flotation pneumatic tires and a maximum gross weight of 20,000 pounds on any single axle equipped with minimum size 18-inch by 25-inch flotation pneumatic tires, provided that the total gross weight of the vehicle or a combination of vehicles does not exceed a maximum of 80,000 pounds for movement under an annual oversize or all-systems oversize permit and 126,000 pounds for movement under a single-trip, multitrip or annual oversize/overweight permit.

For tire sizes and weights allowed between the maximum and minimum indicated, the following formula shall apply: Axle weight = 20,000 pounds + (tire width - 18) × 1,882 pounds.

511.17(9) *Permitted tandem axle weights.*

a. Vehicles operating under an annual oversize permit, annual oversize/overweight permit, annual raw forest products permit, single-trip permit, or multitrip permit may have a gross weight not to exceed 46,000 pounds on a single-tandem axle of the truck tractor and a gross weight not to exceed 46,000 pounds on a single-tandem axle of the trailer or semitrailer if each axle of each tandem group has at least four tires.

b. The maximum weight of any single axle within a permitted tandem axle group is 24,000 pounds.

c. A permitted tandem axle cannot be a part of a larger group of axles whose centers are greater than 96 inches apart.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.463, 321E.7, 321E.8, 321E.9, 321E.9A, 321E.15, 321E.26, 321E.29B and 321E.32.

761—511.18(321,321E) Movement of vehicles with divisible loads exceeding statutory size or weight limits.

511.18(1) Vehicles with divisible loads exceeding statutory size or weight limits may be moved under a single-trip permit if the permit-issuing authority determines that a special or emergency situation warrants its issuance.

511.18(2) At the discretion of the permit-issuing authority, the combined gross weight may exceed the statutory weight, but the axle weights shall be subject to rule 761—511.17(321,321E).

511.18(3) Movement is subject to the routes established by the permit-issuing authority.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.463, 321E.15 and 321E.29.

761—511.19(321,321E) Towing units. Only a truck or truck tractor with dual wheels and with a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 10,000 pounds is an acceptable towing unit for towing mobile homes or loads exceeding 10,000 pounds.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.457 and 321E.15.

761—511.20(321E) Escorting.

511.20(1) *Escort qualifications.* To qualify as an escort or an escorting vehicle, the following requirements apply:

a. The escort is a person aged 18 or over who possesses a valid driver’s license that allows driving unaccompanied and who carries proof of public liability insurance in the amounts of \$100,000/\$200,000/\$50,000.

b. The escorting vehicle is a midsize automobile or motor truck with sufficient mobility to be able to assist in an emergency and designed to afford clear and unobstructed vision both front and rear. The

escorting vehicle cannot be used to tow a trailer while performing escorting duties. In questionable cases, the permit-issuing authority is authorized to determine if a vehicle meets these conditions.

c. The escorting vehicle has a flashing or strobe amber light that is visible for at least 500 feet and provides 360° warning. While escorting a permit load, the light is mounted on top of the escort vehicle and is burning. Additional escort vehicle markings may be approved or required by the permit-issuing authority.

d. An 18-inch by 18-inch red or orange fluorescent flag is mounted on each corner of the front bumper of the escorting vehicle.

e. The escort remains a distance of approximately 300 feet in front or to the rear of the load. However, when traveling within the corporate limits of a city, the escort maintains a reasonable and proper distance consistent with existing traffic conditions.

f. A separate escort accompanies each load hauled under escort.

g. The escort obeys all traffic laws and provisions of the oversize permit for the load.

h. The escort shall not assume responsibility for stopping traffic. An on-duty peace officer, as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1, shall be contacted to provide any necessary traffic control.

i. Immediately prior to an escorting trip, the escort determines that the escorting vehicle is in a safe operational condition and that the dimensions of the vehicle and load are in compliance with the permit issued.

j. A pole used for measuring vertical clearances is mounted on the front escorting vehicle. The escort is required to measure all vertical clearances whenever the height of the permitted vehicle exceeds 14 feet 6 inches up to and including 20 feet.

511.20(2) Minimum escort and warning device requirements. The following chart explains the minimum escort and warning devices required for vehicles operating under permit.

Minimum Warning Devices and Escort Requirements
For Vehicles Operating Under Permit

	Flags/Signs	Lights	Escorts	
			4-Lane	2-Lane
Length				
75'1" up to and including 85'	yes	not required	not required	not required
Over 85' up to and including 120'	yes	yes	not required	not required
Over 120'	yes	not required	rear	rear
Projections				
Front: over 25'	not required	yes	not required	not required
Rear: over 4' up to and including 10'	flags only	not required	not required	not required
Rear: over 10'	flags only	yes	not required	not required
Height				
Over 14'6" up to and including 20'	yes	not required	front with a height pole	front with a height pole
Weight				
Over 80,000 lbs	not required	not required	not required	not required
Width				
Over 8'6" up to 12'0"	yes	not required	not required	not required
Over 12'0" up to and including 14'6"	yes	not required	rear *	front *
Over 14'6" up to and including 16'6"	yes	not required	rear *	front
Over 16'6" up to and including 18'	yes	not required	rear	front

*In lieu of an escort, a carrier can display an amber light or strobe light on the power unit and on the rear extremity of the vehicle or load.

yes = required

511.20(3) Flags, lights and signs. The following criteria apply to the required flags, signs and lights on an escorting vehicle:

a. Red or orange fluorescent flags at least 18" square are mounted as follows: one flag at each front corner of the towing unit, one flag at each rear corner of the load, and a flag at any additional protrusion in the width of the load.

b. A sign reading "Oversize Load," which is at least 18" high by 7' long with a minimum of 10" black letters, with a 1½" stroke, on a yellow background is used. The sign is mounted on the front bumper and on the rear of the load unless a mobile home or factory-built structure, in which case, the rear sign is mounted at least 7' above the highway surface, measuring from the bottom of the sign.

c. A flashing or strobe amber light that is visible for at least 500 feet and provides 360° warning is mounted on the towing unit and is visible from front and rear. More than one light may be necessary.

d. The flags, lights and signs are removed or covered when the vehicle is within legal dimensions.

511.20(4) Additional escorts. The permit-issuing authority may require additional escorts when deemed necessary.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321E.8, 321E.14, 321E.15, 321E.24 and 321E.34.

761—511.21(321,321E) Permit violations. Permit violations are to be reported to the permit-issuing authority by the arresting officer and the permit holder. If a permit holder is found to have willfully violated permit provisions, the motor vehicle division may, after notice and hearing, suspend, modify or revoke the permit privileges of the permit holder consistent with Iowa Code section 321E.20. If the permit that is suspended, modified, or revoked is an emergency interstate permit that is issued for a fleet operating under the permit holder's interstate or intrastate motor carrier number, the department may issue emergency interstate permits to individual vehicles operating under the interstate or intrastate motor carrier number.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.492, 321E.15, 321E.16, 321E.20 and 321E.29B.

761—511.22(321) Movement of combination vehicles on economic export corridors.

511.22(1) Designation of economic export corridors.

a. The department may in its discretion establish economic export corridors for the transportation of goods or products manufactured in Iowa to or through the state of South Dakota and for the return of unladen semitrailers or unladen full trailers used for the transportation of those goods or products. An economic export corridor does not include any segment of the interstate system or any part of the national network of highways identified pursuant to 23 CFR Part 658, effective April 1, 2024. However, if appropriate, the department may petition the Federal Highway Administration to remove a road or road segment from the national network of highways for the purpose of including it in an economic export corridor.

b. The department may initiate designation of economic export corridors, or a request for economic export corridor designation may be submitted to the department by an interested party. If a proposed economic export corridor includes any roads or road segments that are under the jurisdiction of a city or a county, a resolution from all relevant local jurisdictions is to be submitted to the department indicating jurisdiction support for economic export corridor designation. The resolution is to include a description of the proposed economic export corridor under local jurisdiction.

c. The department will exercise due regard for the safety of the traveling public and the protection of the highway surfaces and structures when establishing an economic export corridor. Factors to be considered include ability of the proposed economic export corridor to safely accommodate combinations of vehicles described in subrule 511.22(2), taking into account physical configurations and restrictions and traffic demands and capacity, as well as connection to markets that will benefit from the established economic export corridor.

d. The department will post established economic export corridors on the department's website.

511.22(2) Combination vehicles that may be operated on an economic export corridor.

a. In addition to combinations of vehicles lawful for operation on roads or road segments not designated as an economic export corridor, the following combinations of vehicles may be operated on

an economic export corridor designated under subrule 511.22(1) if the combinations of vehicles meet the requirements in paragraph 511.22(2) “b”:

(1) A truck tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer converted to a full trailer by use of a dolly equipped with a fifth wheel that is considered a part of the trailer for all purposes, and not a separate unit.

(2) A truck tractor-semitrailer-full trailer.

(3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combination, where the semitrailers are connected by a rigid frame extension including a fifth wheel connection point attached to the rear frame of the first semitrailer.

b. The combination of vehicles shall meet all of the following requirements:

(1) The length of the combination of vehicles, excluding the length of the truck tractor, does not exceed 81½ feet.

(2) The length of either semitrailer or full trailer does not exceed 45 feet.

(3) The weight of the second semitrailer or full trailer does not exceed the weight of the first semitrailer by more than 3,000 pounds.

(4) The gross weight of the combination of vehicles does not exceed 80,000 pounds and the combination of vehicles does not exceed the gross axle weight limits of Iowa Code section 321.463(2).

(5) The load on each semitrailer or full trailer in the combination is an indivisible load. For the purpose of issuing permits for height or width under Iowa Code chapter 321E, the combination of vehicles will be considered an indivisible load so long as the load on each semitrailer or full trailer in the combination remains an indivisible load.

c. The length of the frame extension is not included when determining the overall length of the first semitrailer in a truck tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combination in which the semitrailers are connected by a rigid frame extension including a fifth wheel connection point attached to the rear frame of the first semitrailer.

d. For purposes of this subrule, “full trailer” means the same as defined in 49 CFR Section 390.5, effective October 1, 2024.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.457(2) “n.”

MV-2026-3

Kathleen Meradith-Eyers, Director, Motor Vehicle Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind and repromulgate Chapter 511 in accordance with Executive Order 10.

Proposed Chapter 511 complies with Iowa Code chapter 321E by outlining the application and eligibility requirements to obtain special permits for operation and movement of vehicles and loads of excess size and weight.

The public comment period ended on May 20, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

A complete summary explaining the proposed rulemaking is included in the attached Notice of Intended Action.

It is recommended that the Commission approve repromulgating Chapter 511.

Commissioner Mulgrew Gronen moved and Commissioner Stutsman seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Motor Vehicle Division Order No. MV-2026-4
Submitted by Kathleen Meradith-Eyers Phone No. 515-231-1230 Meeting Date July 8, 2025
Title Administrative Rules—761 IAC Chapter 524, For-Hire Intrastate Motor Carrier Authority

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The rulemaking proposes to rescind and repromulgate Chapter 524 in accordance with Executive Order 10.

Proposed Chapter 524 complies with Iowa Code chapter 325A by outlining the application and eligibility requirements to obtain a for-hire intrastate motor carrier permit or certificate from the Department. A Department-issued motor carrier permit or certificate is required before a motor carrier may begin operations in Iowa.

The public comment period ended on May 22, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

A complete summary explaining the proposed rulemaking is included in the attached Notice of Intended Action.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Commission approve repromulgating Chapter 524.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Stutsman Seconded by Juckette

Division Director Legal State Director

	Aye	Nay	Pass
Anderson	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Arnold	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Gaesser	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Juckette	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Quirk	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Stutsman	<u>x</u>	_____	_____

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to for-hire intrastate motor carrier authority and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Transportation Department hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 524, “For-Hire Intrastate Motor Carrier Authority,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 307.12(1)“j,” 325A.3A, 325A.7A, 325A.10 and 325A.13.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 321.515 and 321.519 and chapter 325A.

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking proposes to repromulgate Chapter 524 in compliance with Executive Order 10. Proposed Chapter 524 complies with Iowa Code chapter 325A by outlining the application and eligibility requirements to obtain a for-hire intrastate motor carrier permit or certificate from the Department. A Department-issued motor carrier permit or certificate is required before a motor carrier may begin operations in Iowa.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on February 5, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- February 28, 2025

During the Regulatory Analysis comment period, the Department received a comment from the Iowa Motor Truck Association regarding the maintenance and display of household goods tariffs and whether the tariffs could be maintained, submitted and displayed in an electronic format rather than the current paper requirement.

In response to this request, the Department revised subrules 524.13(2), 524.13(4) and 524.13(9) to provide that household goods tariffs may be maintained, submitted and displayed in either a physical or electronic format.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 761—Chapter 11.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 22, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally will be held as follows:

May 22, 2025 9 to 9:30 a.m.	Microsoft Teams link Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 392 798 951
May 22, 2025 1 to 1:30 p.m.	Microsoft Teams link Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 733 504 893

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing impairments, should contact Tracy George and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 761—Chapter 524 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 524 FOR-HIRE INTRASTATE MOTOR CARRIER AUTHORITY

761—524.1(325A) Purpose and applicability.

524.1(1) This chapter establishes requirements concerning for-hire intrastate motor carriers as authorized by Iowa Code chapter 325A.

524.1(2) This chapter applies to motor carriers of household goods, bulk liquid commodities, all other property, and passengers being transported for hire on any highway of this state other than a transportation network company or transportation network company driver as both are defined in Iowa Code section 321N.1 and provided for in 761—Chapter 540.

761—524.2(325A) General information.

524.2(1) Information and location. Applications, forms and information on motor carrier permits and motor carrier certificates are available by mail from the Motor Vehicle Division, Iowa Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 10382, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0382; in person at 6310 SE Convenience

Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa; by telephone at 515.237.3268; by facsimile at 515.237.3225; or by email at omcs@iowadot.us.

524.2(2) Waiver of rules. In accordance with 761—Chapter 11, the director of transportation or the director’s designee (director) may, in response to a petition, waive provisions of this chapter. A waiver will not be granted unless the director finds that special or emergency circumstances exist.

“*Special or emergency circumstances*” means one or more of the following:

1. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with cities, counties, other state agencies or other states in response to a national or other disaster.
2. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with national defense officials.
3. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with public or private utilities in order to maintain their public services.
4. Circumstances where the movement is essential to ensure safety and protection of any person or property due to events such as but not limited to pollution of natural resources, a potential fire or an explosion.
5. Circumstances where weather or transportation problems create an undue hardship for citizens of the state of Iowa.
6. Circumstances where movement involves emergency-type vehicles.
7. Uncommon or extraordinary circumstances where the movement is essential to the existence of an Iowa business and the move may be accomplished without causing undue hazards to the safety of the traveling public or undue damage to private or public property.

524.2(3) Complaints. Complaints against motor carriers pertaining to the provisions of this chapter can be submitted in writing to the motor vehicle division.

761—524.3(325A) Applications and supporting documents.

524.3(1) Application and fee. Application for a motor carrier permit or motor carrier certificate shall be made to the motor vehicle division on Form 441052, including the required safety self-certification, and accompanied by the statutory fee. Acceptable payment methods include credit card, cash, and check or money order made payable to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

524.3(2) Supporting documents. The following documents must accompany the motor carrier permit or motor carrier certificate application:

- a. Proof of insurance.
- b. A U.S. DOT number if required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.
- c. Financial statement if required by rule 761—524.10(325A).
- d. Tariff, only for motor carriers of household goods.
- e. All applicable documents identified in 761—subrule 380.4(2) and any other documentation, if required by the department, necessary to assess the operational capabilities of any driverless-capable vehicles the motor carrier intends to operate, including for the purpose of determining whether to impose operational restrictions as authorized under rule 761—400.18(307,321).

761—524.4(325A) Issuance of motor carrier permit or motor carrier certificate. When all requirements are met, the department will issue the motor carrier permit or certificate, a copy of which shall be carried in each motor vehicle at all times. The copy may be in either a physical or an electronic format and shall be available for display to any peace officer upon request.

761—524.5(325A) Duplicate motor carrier permit or motor carrier certificate. A motor carrier seeking a duplicate motor carrier permit or motor carrier certificate shall send a written request to the motor vehicle division and include the carrier name, the permit number, certificate number, or U.S. DOT number, and the statutory fee.

761—524.6(325A) Amendment to a motor carrier permit or motor carrier certificate.

524.6(1) Update to a motor carrier permit. A motor carrier seeking to change the commodities being transported under a permit shall submit an updated application to the motor vehicle division, including the permit number and statutory fee for a duplicate permit. Transporting of commodities not

listed on the permit is not authorized until a new permit or temporary permit has been issued and is carried in the vehicle.

524.6(2) *Change of name or address for a motor carrier permit or certificate.* A motor carrier seeking to change the name or address shall submit an updated application to the motor vehicle division within 30 days after the change and include the permit or certificate number, old name or address, new name or address and the statutory fee.

761—524.7(325A) Insurance.

524.7(1) *Insurance.* Each motor carrier shall do the following:

- a. At all times maintain on file with the department the effective certificate(s) of insurance or a surety bond on a form prescribed by the department.
- b. Ensure the insurance or the surety bond is written for a period of one year or more.
- c. Provide the department written notice 30 days prior to the cancellation of the insurance or the surety bond.
- d. Submit all certificates of insurance to the department electronically in a format approved by the department.

524.7(2) *Self-insurance.* Except as otherwise provided in subrule 524.7(1), the department may allow a carrier to self-insure in lieu of maintaining insurance required under subrule 524.7(1) if the following criteria is met:

- a. The intrastate carrier also operates interstate and has been approved by a federal agency to self-insure.
- b. The carrier submits a written request to self-insure to the motor vehicle division that includes a copy of the federal agency's approval to self-insure and copies of any information required by that federal agency in approving the request to self-insure.
- c. The motor carrier agrees to immediately notify the department if there is any change in the status of the self-insurance for interstate operation.

761—524.8(325A) Self-insurance for motor carriers of passengers.

524.8(1) *Applications for self-insurance.* A motor carrier of passengers with more than 25 motor vehicles may request self-insurance by submitting a written request to the motor vehicle division, including a copy of the carrier's most recent audited financial statement and a vehicle list.

524.8(2) *Review by the department.* The department may request additional information to evaluate the request to self-insure. A request to self-insure will be denied and an existing approval to self-insure will be suspended if the motor carrier fails to meet the self-insurance standard under 49 CFR 387.33T effective as of October 1, 2024. An approval to self-insure is continuous unless canceled. The motor carrier shall annually file audited financial statements with the motor vehicle division within 60 days after the end of the motor carrier's fiscal year.

524.8(3) *Cancellation of self-insurance approval.* The department, upon five days' notice prior to any hearing to cancel approval, may cancel approval of a carrier to self-insure if the carrier fails to file an audited financial statement as required under subrule 524.8(2) or for other reasonable grounds, including but not limited to the failure of the carrier to pay a final judgment within 30 days.

761—524.9(325A) Safety regulations. All motor carriers shall follow the applicable safety regulations in 661—Chapter 22 concerning operation, maintenance and inspection of vehicles.

761—524.10(325A) Financial statement. An application by a motor carrier of bulk liquid commodities (nondairy) or regular-route passengers must include, on a form prescribed by the department, a statement signed by an authorized agent of a lending institution or a certified public accountant attesting to the financial capability of that carrier.

761—524.11(325A) Safety education seminar.

524.11(1) *Requirement.* Except as provided in subrule 524.11(4), persons responsible for the safety records and driver training of applicable motor carriers are required to complete the safety education

seminar under Iowa Code section 325A.3(5). Failure to attend an approved safety education seminar within the required time frame will result in suspension of the motor carrier permit or certificate.

524.11(2) *Availability.* The department provides an approved safety education seminar periodically. Information on how to access the seminar is available from the Motor Vehicle Division in person at 6310 SE Convenience Boulevard, Ankeny, Iowa; by telephone at 515.237.3268; or by email at omcs@iowadot.us.

524.11(3) *Third-party safety education seminar approval.* The motor vehicle division may approve individuals outside the department to conduct safety education seminars. Only the department is authorized to approve the course curriculum. At a minimum, the safety course curriculum is to include the following information:

- a. Commercial driver's license regulations.
- b. A general overview of the U.S. DOT's motor carrier safety regulations and hazardous materials regulations adopted annually by the department of public safety.
- c. Iowa Code sections 321.449 and 321.450 and all associated administrative rules.
- d. Iowa Code section 321.463 and all associated administrative rules.
- e. Out-of-service criteria.
- f. A general overview of the U.S. DOT's Emergency Response Guidebook.

524.11(4) *Exemption.* Passenger carriers with vehicles not meeting the definition of a commercial vehicle as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1 are exempt from attending the safety education seminar and paying the seminar fee. A motor carrier certificate issued for such a carrier contains the following statement: "limited to noncommercial vehicles only." If a motor carrier wishes to start operating vehicles that meet the definition of a commercial motor vehicle, the motor carrier must update its authority with the motor vehicle division. Upon paying the seminar fee and attending the seminar within six months of updating the certificate, the department will issue a new motor carrier certificate removing the limitation.

761—524.12(325A) Lease of a vehicle.

524.12(1) *Lease defined.* "Lease," for the purpose of these rules, means a written document providing for the exclusive possession, control and responsibility over the operation of a vehicle by the lessee for a specific period of time as if the lessee were the owner. A copy of the lease must be carried in the leased vehicle at all times. No motor carrier may have more than one lease covering a specific vehicle in effect at a given time.

524.12(2) *Lease of a vehicle to a shipper or a receiver.* No motor carrier shall lease a vehicle with or without a driver to a shipper or a receiver.

524.12(3) *Marking of a motor vehicle.* Each lessee shall properly identify each motor vehicle during the period of the lease as specified in rule 661—22.9(325A).

524.12(4) *Lease requirements.* Any lease of a vehicle by any motor carrier except under the following conditions is prohibited:

- a. Every lease must be in writing and signed by the parties or their regular employees or agents duly authorized to act for them.
- b. Every lease shall specify the time that the lease begins and the time or circumstances on which it ends.

761—524.13(325A) Tariffs.

524.13(1) *Requirements.* All motor carriers of household goods shall maintain on file with the motor vehicle division a tariff stating the rates and charges that apply for the services performed under the permit.

524.13(2) *Maintenance.* All tariffs and amendments or supplements must be maintained in physical or electronic format and be legibly printed or produced. No alteration in writing, typing or erasure is to be made in any tariff or supplement.

524.13(3) *Filing date.* All changes to tariffs and supplements are to be filed with the motor vehicle division at least seven days prior to the effective date. Tariffs or supplements issued in connection with applications for motor carriers of household goods may become effective on the date the permits are issued.

524.13(4) *Copy to department.* To file a tariff with the motor vehicle division, motor carriers of household goods or their agents are to submit, including by electronic means, a transmittal letter listing all the enclosed tariffs and include one copy of each tariff, supplement or revised page.

524.13(5) *Title page.* The title page of every tariff and supplement shall meet the following requirements:

a. Each tariff shall be numbered in the upper right-hand corner, beginning with number 1 and shown as follows: Ia. DOT No. ...

b. When a tariff is issued canceling a tariff previously filed, the Ia. DOT number of the canceled tariff shall be in the right-hand corner under the Ia. DOT number of the new tariff.

c. Supplements or changes to a tariff shall be numbered beginning with number 1 in the upper right-hand corner along with the number of any previous supplements canceled or changed by the supplement.

d. The name of each motor carrier of household goods must be the same as it appears on the permit. If the motor carrier of household goods is not a corporation and uses a trade name, the name of the individual or partners needs to precede the trade name.

e. Each tariff shall include a brief description of the territory or points from which and to which the tariff applies.

f. Each tariff shall contain the issue and effective dates.

g. Each tariff shall include the name, title and street address of the motor carrier of household goods or the agent by whom the tariff is issued.

524.13(6) *Contents of tariff.* Each tariff shall include the following:

a. A table of contents that is arranged alphabetically.

b. A complete index of all commodities, including the page number. However, no index or table of contents is needed in tariffs of less than five pages or if the rates are alphabetically arranged by commodities.

c. An explanation of all abbreviations, symbols and reference marks used.

d. All rates in the tariff explicitly stated in cents or in dollars and cents per one hundred pounds, per mile, per hour, per ton or two thousand pounds, per truck load (of stated amount) or other definable measure. Where rates are stated in amounts per package or bundle, definite specifications of the packages or bundles must be shown and ambiguous terms, rates, descriptions or plans for determining charges will not be accepted.

524.13(7) *Duplication of rates.* Motor carriers of household goods or their agents shall not publish duplicate or conflicting rates.

524.13(8) *Tariff changes.* All rates and charges that have been filed with the motor vehicle division must be allowed to become effective and remain in effect for a period of at least seven days before being changed, canceled or withdrawn. All tariffs, supplements and revised pages shall indicate changes from the previous tariff. Changes may be indicated by providing a summary or by use of the following symbols:

(R) to denote reductions

(A) to denote increases

(C) to denote changes, the result of which is neither an increase nor a reduction.

524.13(9) *Posting regulations.* Each motor carrier of household goods must post and file, in either physical or electronic format, at its principal place of business all of its tariffs and supplements. All tariffs must be kept available for public inspection.

524.13(10) *Application for special permission.* When making application for permission to establish rates, charges, or rules of the tariff on less than the statutory seven days' notice, motor carriers of household goods and their agents shall use the form prescribed by the department or other form containing all of the required information.

524.13(11) *Powers of attorney.* An agent or other motor carrier of household goods has the authority to file tariffs and supplements on behalf of a motor carrier if the motor carrier completes a power of attorney granting the agent or other motor carrier authority to act on the motor carrier's behalf, subject to the following requirements:

a. The original power of attorney is on file with the motor vehicle division and a copy has been sent to the agent or other motor carrier of household goods who was granted the authority to act by the power of attorney.

b. The motor carrier notifies the department in writing whenever the motor carrier wants to cancel the authority granted to an agent or other motor carrier of household goods by power of attorney. The notification may occur in writing to the department and state the power of attorney is revoked with 60 days' notice. For good cause, the department may authorize less than 60 days' notice. Copies of the notice must also be mailed to all interested parties by the motor carrier.

524.13(12) *Nonconforming tariffs.* The motor vehicle division will review tariffs that do not conform with subrules 524.13(1) through 524.13(11) to determine if the tariffs contain the necessary information and are acceptable. Tariffs that are unacceptable will be returned to the motor carrier with an explanation.

761—524.14(325A) Denial, suspension, revocation, appeal and reinstatement.

524.14(1) *Denial.* The department will deny an application if the applicant fails to meet the criteria for issuance of a permit or certificate under Iowa Code chapter 325A or this chapter.

524.14(2) *Suspension or revocation.* The department may suspend or revoke a motor carrier permit or certificate for a violation of Iowa Code chapter 325A or this chapter. The suspension or revocation shall continue until the motor carrier is no longer in violation.

524.14(3) *Appeal.* A person whose application for a motor carrier permit or certificate has been denied for a reason other than noncompliance with insurance requirements or whose motor carrier permit or certificate has been suspended or revoked for a reason other than noncompliance with insurance requirements may contest the decision in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A and 761—Chapter 13 by submitting an appeal request in writing to the director of the motor vehicle division. To be considered timely, the request must be submitted within 20 days after the date of the notice of suspension, revocation or denial and include, as applicable, the motor carrier's name, permit or certificate number; complete address; and telephone number.

524.14(4) *Reinstatement.* Once the suspension or revocation is ended and the statutory fee is paid, the department will issue a new permit or certificate.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.515 and 321.519 and chapter 325A.

MV-2026-4

Kathleen Meradith-Eyers, Director, Motor Vehicle Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind and repromulgate Chapter 524 in accordance with Executive Order 10.

Proposed Chapter 524 complies with Iowa Code chapter 325A by outlining the application and eligibility requirements to obtain a for-hire intrastate motor carrier permit or certificate from the Department.

The public comment period ended on May 22, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

A complete summary explaining the proposed rulemaking is included in the attached Notice of Intended Action.

It is recommended that the Commission approve repromulgating Chapter 524.

Commissioner Stutsman moved and Commissioner Juckette seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Motor Vehicle Division Order No. MV-2026-5
Submitted by Kathleen Meradith-Eyers Phone No. 515-231-1230 Meeting Date July 8, 2025
Title Administrative Rules—761 IAC Chapter 529, For-Hire Interstate Motor Carrier Authority

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The rulemaking proposes to rescind and repromulgate Chapter 529 in accordance with Executive Order 10.

Proposed Chapter 529 complies Iowa Code section 307.27(8) and chapter 327B. Iowa Code section 307.27(8) requires the Department to administer the registration of interstate authority of motor carriers pursuant to federal regulations. Iowa Code chapter 327B requires motor carriers authorized by the U.S. Department of Transportation to perform an interstate transportation service for compensation to register with the Department.

The public comment period ended on May 22, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

A complete summary explaining the proposed rulemaking is included in the attached Notice of Intended Action.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Commission approve repromulgating Chapter 529.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Quirk Seconded by Arnold

Division Director Legal State Director

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Anderson	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Arnold	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Gaesser	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Juckette	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Quirk	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Stutsman	<u>x</u>	_____	_____

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to for-hire interstate motor carrier authority and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Transportation Department hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 529, “For-Hire Interstate Motor Carrier Authority,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 307.12(1)“j.”

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 307.27(8) and chapter 327B.

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking proposes to repromulgate Chapter 529 in compliance with Executive Order 10. Proposed Chapter 529 complies with Iowa Code section 307.27(8) and chapter 327B. Iowa Code section 307.27(8) requires the Department to administer the registration of interstate authority of motor carriers pursuant to federal regulations. Iowa Code chapter 327B requires motor carriers authorized by the U.S. Department of Transportation to perform an interstate transportation service for compensation to register with the Department.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on February 5, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- February 28, 2025

The Department received no comments.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 761—Chapter 11.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 22, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

Tracy George
Department of Transportation
DOT Rules Administrator, Office of the Director
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

Phone: 515.239.1358
Email: tracy.george@iowadot.us

Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally will be held as follows:

May 22, 2025 11 to 11:30 a.m.	Microsoft Teams link Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 153 012 478
May 22, 2025 1:30 to 2 p.m.	Microsoft Teams link Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 170 798 351

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing impairments, should contact Tracy George and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 761—Chapter 529 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 529 FOR-HIRE INTERSTATE MOTOR CARRIER AUTHORITY

761—529.1(307,327B) Motor carrier regulations. The department adopts the Code of Federal Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 365 through 368 and 370 through 379, dated October 1, 2024, for regulating interstate for-hire carriers. Copies of this publication are available from the state law library or at www.fmcsa.dot.gov.

761—529.2(307,327B) Registering interstate authority in Iowa. Authorized methods to submit registration for interstate exempt and nonexempt authority to the department include by mail to the Motor Vehicle Division, Iowa Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 10382, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0382; delivery in person to 6310 SE Convenience Boulevard, Ankeny, Iowa; or by facsimile to 515.237.3257.

761—529.3(307,327B) Waiver of rules. In accordance with 761—Chapter 11, the director of transportation or the director's designee (director) may, in response to a petition, waive provisions of this chapter. A waiver will not be granted unless the director finds that special or emergency circumstances exist.

"Special or emergency circumstances" means one or more of the following:

1. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with cities, counties, other state agencies or other states in response to a national or other disaster.
2. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with national defense officials.
3. Circumstances where the movement is necessary to cooperate with public or private utilities in order to maintain their public services.

4. Circumstances where the movement is essential to ensure safety and protection of any person or property due to events such as but not limited to pollution of natural resources, a potential fire or explosion.

5. Circumstances where weather or transportation problems create an undue hardship for citizens of the state of Iowa.

6. Circumstances where movement involves emergency-type vehicles.

7. Uncommon or extraordinary circumstances where the movement is essential to the existence of an Iowa business and the move may be accomplished without causing undue hazard to the safety of the traveling public or undue damage to private or public property.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 307.12(1) “j” and 307.27 and chapter 327B.

MV-2026-5

Kathleen Meradith-Eyers, Director, Motor Vehicle Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind and repromulgate Chapter 529 in accordance with Executive Order 10.

Proposed Chapter 529 complies Iowa Code section 307.27(8) and chapter 327B. Iowa Code section 307.27(8) requires the Department to administer the registration of interstate authority of motor carriers pursuant to federal regulations.

The public comment period ended on May 22, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

A complete summary explaining the proposed rulemaking is included in the attached Notice of Intended Action.

It is recommended that the Commission approve repromulgating Chapter 529.

Commissioner Quirk moved and Commissioner Arnold seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.