

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2025)

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| Department Name: | Department of Transportation | Date: | 10/30/2024 | Total Rule Count: | 22 |
| IAC #: | 761 | Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s): | 511 | Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule: | 321.457(2)“n,” 321E.15 |
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The intended benefit of this chapter is to comply 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 over-dimensional 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.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. In calendar year 2023, the Department issued approximately 164,000 permits and collected approximately \$8.8 million in statutory permit fees.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

Iowa Code section 325E.14 prescribes the applicable fees the Department must charge for associated special permits. Additionally, the Department charges a \$35 fee for a permit issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 321E.27, which is consistent with the fee charged for similar single-trip permits.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

There are no costs to the Department to implement the rules beyond those that would otherwise be required to administer the statute.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. The rules establish the eligibility requirements, application process and guidelines for special permits. This helps ensure only eligible entities are issued such a permit and that the expectations for operating under the permit are clear.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? YES NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

There is no less restrictive alternative available for issuing special permits other than establishing the basic eligibility criteria, application process and permit guidelines in rule, which helps ensure the process is clear for applicants and is consistently applied.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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- 511.1. Definitions.** This rule was revised to remove a definition that is unnecessary.
- 511.2. Location and general information.** This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.
- 511.3. Movement under permit.** This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.
- 511.4. Permits.** This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.
- 511.5. Fees and charges.** This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content, and content that is duplicative of statute.
- 511.6. Insurance and bonds.** This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.
- 511.7. Annual oversize permits.** This rule removes unnecessary content.
- 511.9. Annual all-systems oversize permits.** This rule removes unnecessary content.
- 511.10. Annual all-systems overweight permits.** This rule removes unnecessary content.
- 511.11. Multitrip permits.** This rule removes unnecessary content.
- 511.12. Compacted rubbish vehicle permits.** This rule removes unnecessary content.
- 511.13. Single-trip permits.** This rule removes unnecessary content.
- 511.15. Emergency interstate permit.** This rule removes unnecessary content.
- 511.17. Maximum axle weights and maximum gross weights for vehicles and loads moved under permit.** This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content.
- 511.18. Movement of vehicles with divisible loads exceeding statutory size or weight limits.** This rule removes unnecessary content.
- 511.19. Towing units.** This rule removes unnecessary content.
- 511.20. Escorting.** This rule removes redundant and unnecessary content, and content that is duplicative of statute.
- 511.22. Movement of combination vehicles on economic export corridors.** This rule removes unnecessary content.

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

None

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

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****For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

METRICS

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| Total number of rules repealed: | 0 |
| Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation | 509 |
| Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation | 108 |

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

No.