



Motor Vehicle Division Informational Memo # 20-06

Administrative Rule Updates for Permits to Transport Raw Forest Products

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SUBJECT

This informational memo explains an update to administrative rule chapter 761—511, Special Permits for Operation and Movement of Vehicles and Loads of Excess Size and Weight.

SUMMARY

The update to this rule chapter aligns with changes to Iowa Code section 321.463 and chapter 321E made during the 2019 legislative session to establish a new annual raw forest products permit for vehicle transporting divisible loads of raw forest products when the weight of the vehicle exceeds the statutory limits. The rule amendments also add the new statutory \$175 permit fee for divisible loads of raw forest products and subject a vehicle operating under this permit to the same maximum axle weights and permitted tandem axle weights as the annual oversize/overweight permit.

The administrative rule amendments are effective April 15, 2020.

LINK TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/arc/4985C.pdf>

CURRENT

Under current law, administrative rule chapter 761—511 did not address permits for divisible loads of raw forest products. However, based on the 2019 legislative changes, we have already changed our processes to implement the permit for transporting raw forest products.

You may wish to review the previous informational memo (IM 19-25) we issued when the 2019 legislation became effective for more information about the background of the legislation.

Internal DOT employees may find IM 19-25 in the W drive at the address below:

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IM 19-25 can also be found at the link to the county treasurer's manual below:

<https://iowadot.gov/mvd/ctmanual/memos/IM19-25.pdf>

NEW

As of April 15, 2020, the rules will align with Iowa Code and our current processes for issuing permits for transporting raw forest products.

BUSINESS IMPACT

This directive does not impact the way that VMCS operates as we have already updated our processes to implement the new permit for raw forest products. Rather this directive is just informing you that the administrative rules have now been updated.