



Motor Vehicle Division Informational Memo # 21-07 ***Oversize Permit Updates to Administrative Rules***

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TO: All Vehicle and Motor Carrier Services staff

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 made during the 2020 legislative session by HF 2310, which eliminated the permit for divisible loads of hay, straw, stover, or bagged livestock bedding.

The amendments to this rule chapter also added a reference to the fee for a special alternative energy permit set forth in Iowa Code section 321E.14, made a technical change to the payment methods accepted by the department to align with current department procedures, and conformed the rules with current department practice of having permittees access the most up-to-date route and detour information from the www.511ia.org website.

The administrative rule amendments are effective March 17, 2021.

LINK TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/arc/5428C.pdf>

CURRENT

Under current law, administrative rule chapter 761—511 included permits for divisible loads of hay, straw, stover, or bagged livestock bedding. However, based on the 2020 legislative changes, we have already changed our processes to discontinue issuing these permits. You may wish to review the previous informational memo (IM 20-16) we issued when the 2020 legislation became effective for more information about the background of the legislation.

For internal DOT employees, you may find IM 20-16 in the W drive at the address below:

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For County Treasurers and staff, you may find IM 20-16 at the link to the county treasurer's manual below:

<https://iowadot.gov/mvd/ctmanual/memos/IM-20-16.pdf>

NEW

As of March 17, 2021, the rules will align with Iowa Code and our current processes for no longer issuing permits for divisible loads of hay, straw, stover, or bagged livestock bedding. The rules will also align

with current Iowa Code authority and department practice related to the fee for a special alternative energy permit, departmental payment methods, and current department practice of having permittees access the most up-to-date route and detour information from the www.511ia.org website.

BUSINESS IMPACT

This directive does not impact the way that VMCS operates as we have already updated our processes to stop issuing permits for divisible loads of hay, straw, stover, or bagged livestock bedding. Rather this directive is just informing you that the administrative rules have now been updated.