



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Ind. Code § 9-20-6-2.2(i) provides that the Indiana Department of Transportation shall not issue more than 8,500 single trip permits annually for applicants with a total equivalent single axle load calculation of more than 2.40 equivalent single axle load (ESAL) credit who are transporting overweight divisible loads, if that applicant was not previously obtaining divisible load permits from the Department prior to January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2021, applicants seeking single trip permits to transport overweight divisible load permits, with a total equivalent single axle load calculation of more than 2.4 ESAL credit, who received certain divisible load permits prior to January 1, 2021, are not subject to this requirement and will continue to be eligible for permits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code § 9-20-6-2.2(k), the Department may temporarily increase the number of permits available by an order of the commissioner in response to an emergency or changes in market conditions; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, there have been equipment shortages and supply chain interruptions that made it difficult for the trucking industry to upgrade fleets with equipment that would allow for heavier loads at a lower ESAL, and although overall supply chain interruptions are lessening in the market, this equipment has not been sufficiently available in recent years for investments in new equipment to be pursued; and

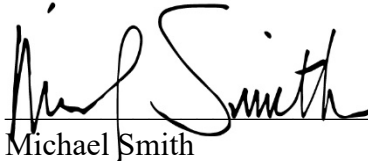
WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code § 9-20-6-2.2 and the provisional rule adopted by the Department as LSA Document #23-730, the Department has determined that raising the allowable number of permits will reasonably reduce the disruptions or impacts caused by the supply chain interruptions; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of HEA 1190-2021 and its expansion of overweight divisible load permits to new commodities, overall single trip permits are down; and

WHEREAS, I find that it is in the best interest of the State of Indiana that the Indiana Department of Transportation increase the number of single trip permits available this calendar year for those subject to the permitting limitations in Ind. Code § 9-20-6-2.2 pursuant to Ind. Code § 9-20-6-2.2(i); and

NOW, THEREFORE, I ORDER, effective immediately, that the number of single trip permits for those subject to the permitting limits of Ind. Code § 9-20-6-2.2(i) be temporarily increased by 1,500 so that 10,000 single trip permits are available this calendar year.

It is so ORDERED, this 9th day of November, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Smith
Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation