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A synopsis of those changes by chapter are as follows:

Title 11, Subtitle 04, Chapter 01, Regulations .01 to .12

Chapter 11.04.01.02 Permits Available

- Add the Exceptional Hauling Permit to the list. This permit allows up to 88,000 pounds gross weight for forestry products and raw milk transportation. Restricted to state routes - not valid on the interstate system.

Chapter 11.04.01.03 Blanket Hauling Permit

- Allow out of state special mobile equipment to obtain a blanket hauling permit
- Remove the requirement of having Maryland Special Mobile Equipment registration
- Increase in weight from 80K to 90K for blanket permit eligibility
- Eliminate blanket permits for Milk Tank Vehicles (sunset in 2006)
- Require permittee to obtain up to date route restriction information from the SHA/MCD or CHART websites prior to any move

Chapter 11.04.01.04 Book Permits

- Require permittee to obtain up to date restriction information from the SHA/MCD or CHART websites prior to any move
- Emphasize 1 hour notification to Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) prior to crossing any of their facilities

Chapter 11.04.01.05 Containerized Cargo

- Require permittee to obtain up to date restriction information from the SHA/MCD or CHART websites prior to any move

Chapter 11.04.01.06 Special Hauling Permit

- Allow for electronic permit processing (several references are made throughout the chapter)
- Decrease weight from 90K to 80K for special hauling permit eligibility
- Increase extensions of a permit from 3 to 5 days
- Allow for permit cancellation due to extraordinary circumstances (currently just for weather)
- Require permittee to obtain up to date restriction information from the SHA/MCD or CHART websites prior to any move

Chapter 11.04.01.07 Special Vehicle Permit

- Allow vehicles not subject to registration to be eligible for permitting (i.e. massive weight transport vehicles)
- Allow the Hauling Permit Unit to obtain sufficient information to process an application for a special vehicle permit

Chapter 11.04.01.08 Fees

- Eliminate annual overlength combination blanket permit and accompanying fee
- Specify that fees may be collected by the Unit on behalf of the Maryland Transportation Authority for permit moves on their facilities
- Specify that fees may be collected by the Unit on behalf of Baltimore City for permit moves associated with the Port of Baltimore when a joint city/state permit is issued
- Update conditions under which a refund or credit may be made on a permit application particularly in light of inter-agency fee collection agreements
- Provide a means by which fees may be contested and resolved
- Incorporate the use of escrow accounts and credit cards as a method of payment

Chapter 11.04.01.09 Denial of Permit

- Adding conditions for denial of an exceptional hauling permit

Chapter 11.04.01.10 Suspension and Revocation of Hauling Permits

- Expand authority for suspension and revocation from blanket and book permits to all permits
- Specify periods of suspension
- Add specific provisions for the revocation of an exceptional hauling permit
- Modify the appeal process time frame and administrative review procedures for suspension/revocation

Chapter 11.04.01.11 False Statement in Permit Application

- Specify that current, as well as future permits, may be denied for false statements
- Modify the appeal process and administrative review procedures for a denial

Chapter 11.04.01.12 Exceptional Hauling Permits

- Establish that SHA can issue exceptional hauling permits as provided in the Transportation Article, Sections 24-113.2 (forestry products) & 24-113.3 (raw milk)

Title 11, Subtitle 04, Chapter 02, Regulations .01 to .08

Chapter 11.04.02.01 Definitions

- Add weight certification by a licensed professional engineer to “certified weights”
- Remove redundant definitions already found in 11.04.01.01

Chapter 11.04.02.01-1 Miscellaneous Conditions

- Require permittee to obtain up to date restriction information from the SHA/MCD or CHART websites prior to any move
- Provide a process for waiving conditions of limited scope and duration for purposes of public safety absent an emergency declaration by the Governor
- Specify a weight violation threshold of 5,000 pounds for complete voidance of the allowable permit weight
- Specify that any weight violation voids the allowable permit weight for an exceptional hauling permit
- Specify that going off an approved route by more than 1 mile under certain circumstances voids the allowable permit weight
- Require law enforcement to immediately notify the Unit of a permit confiscation

- Provide that the Unit may require a certified weighing for more than just a questionable application (i.e. new equipment, history of weight violations, prior permit violations, etc.)
- Allow any vehicle that does not exceed 120K gross weight and otherwise meeting 11.04.01, .03 & .04 to obtain a permit without a structural review

Chapter 11.04.02.02 Costs and Damages for Which Permittee is Responsible

- Add express mail delivery of permit to costs
- Modify action SHA can take to repair damage caused by a permittee to allow the option of allowing the permittee perform the repairs
- Hold the state harmless for permittee use of escort waiting areas

Chapter 11.04.02.03 Safety

- Emphasize that exceptional hauling permits are valid on state routes only (no interstate system authority)

Chapter 11.04.02.05 Movement across Toll Facilities

- Add generic language to cover any roadways that may come under MDTA jurisdiction in the future (i.e. Inter-County Connector)
- Clarify that notification procedures to MDTA does not include escort waiting areas

Chapter 11.04.02.06 Hours of Movement, in General

- Specify that the Unit may include added conditions for movement during times specially provided for in a permit

Chapter 11.04.02.07 Emergency Movement

- Change mandatory permittee reporting requirements for every emergency move to reporting at the discretion of the Unit

Chapter 11.04.02.08 Continuous Travel for Certain Special Mobile Equipment

- Require permittee to obtain up to date restriction information from the SHA/MCD or CHART websites prior to any move
- Allow any special mobile equipment as defined by Maryland Vehicle Law to qualify for continuous travel
- Remove the front and rear overhang provisions of 3ft and 6 ft respectively in lieu of special conditions (i.e. escort vehicle) applicability
- Increase weight allowed from 80K to 90K
- Clarify that weight restrictions on posted bridges includes all posted weight limits, not just gross weight

Title 11, Subtitle 04, Chapter 03, Regulations .01 and .02

Chapter 11.04.03.01 Definitions

- Add definition for “massive weight” (exceeding 250 tons)

Chapter 11.04.03.02 Vehicles Over 45 Tons, Over 60 Tons (Excessive Weight), Over 250 Tons (Massive Weight), or of Excessive Size

- Establish a minimum application timeframe for processing of excessive weight permits of 10 business days
- Establish a minimum application timeframe for processing of massive weight permits of 30 business days

Title 11, Subtitle 04, Chapter 04, Regulations .01 and .02 & .04 thru .06

Chapter 11.04.04.01 Definitions

- Clarify the placement of wide load signs on escort vehicles
- Specify signs shall not interfere with visibility of any other required signals or lamps

Chapter 11.04.04.02 Escorts – General

- Clarify SHA may require monitoring of a permit move by SHA personnel at its discretion

Chapter 11.04.04.04 Private Escort – Equipment and Responsibilities

- Clarify language on use of hazard warning lamps
- Clarify language on use of wide load signs for consistency with 11.04.04.01
- Clarify positioning of escort vehicle when transitioning into a single lane roadway
- Clarify positioning of pole vehicle to adequately warn of overhead obstructions

Chapter 11.04.04.05 Escorted Vehicles – General Restrictions

- Clarify that an escorted permit vehicle shall safely move to the shoulder, allowing backed up traffic to pass, only when there is sufficient room to do so

Chapter 11.04.04.06 Police Escort

- Provide the Unit may require a police escort under any circumstance deemed necessary for public safety
- Allow for cost recovery of police escorts for all law enforcement agencies as determined by the Unit

Title 11, Subtitle 04, Chapter 11, Regulations .01, .03 & .04 and .06 thru .11 (Containerized Cargo)

Chapter 11.04.11.03 Determination of an Indivisible Load (Containerized Cargo)

- Provide for the use of a longer container chassis

Chapter 11.04.011.06 Procedures

- Allow for electronic permit processing
- Require permittee to obtain up to date restriction information from the SHA/MCD or CHART websites prior to any move

Chapter 11.04.11.07 Fees

- Clarify that a fee may be charged in accordance with the Transportation Article, Section 24-113.1 for a containerized cargo permit

Chapter 11.04.11.08 Denial of Permit

- Clarify the weight range for containerized cargo permits is from 80K to 90K

Chapter 11.04.11.10 Suspension

- Revise notification requirements to the permittee of a suspension or revocation
- Modify the appeal process time frame and administrative review procedures for suspension/revocation

Chapter 11.04.11.11 False Statement in Permit Application

- Specify that current, as well as future permits, may be denied for false statements
- Modify the appeal process time frame and administrative review procedures for suspension/revocation
