

Policy for Transportation of Loads for Flood Response Activities during Spring Road Restrictions

Intent:

Severe flooding in Manitoba has made it necessary to clarify the Spring Road Restriction policies in affected areas. Flooding may be caused by river (i.e., Red, Souris), or by overland flooding (i.e., blocked culverts, run-off) in areas not adjacent to rivers. This policy will outline MIT's approach to managing traffic loads that are involved in flood fighting that are beyond the restricted weight posted.

Application:

Spring Road Restrictions are in effect on several Manitoba highways. Roads that are subject to weight restrictions may be posted as, and restricted to:

Level 1 Restrictions:

RTAC Routes, class A1 & B1 Highways: 90 % of normal axle loads

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WEIGHTS(in kilograms)*				
Axle Loading	Steering Axle	Single Axle	Tandem Axle	Tridem
RTAC 90% (normal)	5,500 (5,500)	8,190 (9,100)	15,300 (17,000)	20,700 (23,000)
A1 90% (normal)	5,500 (5,500)	8,190 (9,100)	14,400 (16,000)	20,700 (23,000)
B1 90% (normal)	5,500 (5,500)	7,380 (8,200)	13,050 (14,500)	18,000 (20,000)

Level 2 Restrictions:

Class A1 & B1 Highways: 65 % of normal axle loads

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WEIGHTS(in kilograms)*				
Axle Loading	Steering Axle	Single Axle	Tandem Axle	Tridem
A1 65% (normal)	3,575 (5,500)	5,915 (9,100)	10,400 (16,000)	14,950 (23,000)
B1 65% (normal)	3,575 (5,500)	5,330 (8,200)	9,425 (14,500)	13,000 (20,000)

Detailed maximum allowable weight tables are available at <http://www.manitoba.ca/mit/srr>

Vehicles hauling equipment and/or materials for flood emergencies are defined as an *Essential Commodity*, and may carry **Level 1** loads on **Level 2** restricted highways without a permit, provided they use the **least** amount of Level 2 restricted route possible to their destination. This may require carriers to select longer routes to protect road surfaces during current spring restrictions.

Non-divisible loads exceeding Level 1 road restrictions (90% of normal axle weights) will be allowed to operate up to normal loading for the highway classification. Non-divisible loads in excess of normal loading for the highway classification will require a permit, and can contact Permit Services during normal office hours (Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) at 204.945.3961 or toll free 1.877.812.0009.