

CHAPTER 32
TRUCK ACCESS

Authority

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R.2008 d.21, effective January 22, 2008.
See: 38 N.J.R. 5322(a), 40 N.J.R. 728(a).

Chapter Expiration Date

Chapter 32, Truck Access, expires on January 22, 2013.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 32, Designated Routes for Special Categories of Trucks, was adopted as Emergency R.1983 d.124, effective April 6, 1983, expired June 5, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 643(a).

Chapter 32, Trucks, was adopted as new rules by R.1983 d.259, effective June 7, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 1102(c), 15 N.J.R. 1182(a).

Subchapter 2, Vehicles Exempted from the Table of Maximum Gross Weights, was adopted as R.1985 d.194, effective April 15, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 2072(a), 17 N.J.R. 975(a).

Subchapter 3, 102-Inch Standard Trucks, was adopted as R.1987 d.115, effective February 17, 1987. See: 18 N.J.R. 2428(a), 19 N.J.R. 374(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 32, Trucks, was readopted as R.1990 d.155, effective February 8, 1990, and Subchapter 2, Vehicles Exempted from the Table of Maximum Gross Weights, was repealed by R.1990 d.155, effective March 5, 1990. See: 22 N.J.R. 19(a), 22 N.J.R. 836(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 32, Trucks, was readopted as R.1995 d.73, effective January 12, 1995, and Subchapter 1, Designated Routes for Double Trailer Truck Combinations, and Subchapter 3, 102-Inch Standard Trucks, were repealed, and Subchapter 1, Designated Routes for Double-Trailer Truck Combinations and 102-Inch Standard Trucks, was adopted as new rules by R.1995 d.73, effective February 6, 1995. See: 26 N.J.R. 4163(a), 27 N.J.R. 507(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 32, Truck Access, was readopted as R.2000 d.6, effective December 7, 1999. See: 31 N.J.R. 1293(a), 31 N.J.R. 1915(a), 32 N.J.R. 78(a).

Chapter 32, Truck Access, was readopted as R.2005 d.131, effective March 30, 2005. See: 37 N.J.R. 25(a), 37 N.J.R. 1525(a). As a part of R.2005 d.131, Appendices A through C were repealed and Appendices A through C were adopted as New Rules, effective May 2, 2005.

Chapter 32, Truck Access, was repealed, and Chapter 32, Truck Access, was adopted as Emergency New Rules by R.2006 d.118, effective February 24, 2006, to expire April 25, 2006. See: 38 N.J.R. 1465(a).

In accordance with Assembly Concurrent Resolution 184 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 95, the expiration date of the emergency repeals and new rules at Chapter 32, Truck Access, was extended from April 25, 2006 to June 24, 2006. See: 38 N.J.R. 1766(a).

Chapter 32, Truck Access, was adopted as concurrent new rules R.2006 d.267, effective June 22, 2006. See: 38 N.J.R. 1465(a), 38 N.J.R. 1766(a), 38 N.J.R. 3056(a).

Chapter 32, Truck Access, was repealed and Chapter 32, Truck Access, was adopted as new rules by R.2008 d.21, effective January 22, 2008. See: Source and Effective Date.

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FOR DOUBLE-TRAILER TRUCK
COMBINATIONS AND 102-INCH WIDE
STANDARD TRUCKS**

16:32-1.1 Purpose and scope

(a) The New Jersey Department of Transportation has determined that it is in the public's best interest to direct the travel of large trucks within New Jersey. Large trucks restricted in this chapter include double-trailer truck combinations and 102-inch wide standard trucks. The purpose of this chapter is to establish the hierarchy of roadways, upon which double-trailer truck combinations and 102-inch wide standard trucks should travel within the State of New Jersey. This hierarchy has been established based upon the function of the roadways and the character of the service they are intended to provide; balancing the need to protect the safety of the traveling public and the need to provide the trucking industry with an efficient and economical system of roadways upon which to travel within New Jersey. The hierarchy of roadways, setting forth the priority of routes for travel by double-trailer truck combinations and 102-inch wide standard trucks in New Jersey, is as follows:

1. The National Network;
2. The New Jersey Access Network;
3. All other unrestricted roadways within New Jersey.

(b) Consistent with the requirements of 23 CFR 658.9, New Jersey's National Network provides the highest level of mobility facilitating interstate and interregional travel. The New Jersey Access Network provides connections to the National Network and facilitates access to terminals. All other

local unrestricted roadways shall be used only to provide access to terminals. This chapter sets forth the standards and procedures applicable to double-trailer truck combinations and 102-inch wide standard truck operations within the State of New Jersey with regard to permitted routes, width restrictions, length requirements, access to terminals, and network addition or deletion procedures. Reasonable access shall be permitted to terminals and to facilities for food, fuel, repairs and rest.

Case Notes

Former trucking regulations that favored in-state businesses over those out-of-state businesses that were neither buying nor selling goods in New Jersey, by imposing economic burdens on the out-of-state interests while not imposing similar burdens on the in-state interests, discriminated against interstate commerce and violated the Commerce Clause. *American Trucking Ass'ns, Inc. v. Whitman*, 437 F.3d 313, 2006 U.S. App. LEXIS 4041 (3d Cir. N.J. 2006), cert. denied, 127 S.Ct. 349, 166 L.Ed. 2d 41, 2006 U.S. LEXIS 5887, 75 U.S.L.W. 3164 (U.S. 2006).

16:32-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Department” means the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

“Direct route” means that route that is the shortest distance to complete a trip.

“Double-trailer truck combination” means a truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination, which meets the equipment length requirement as set forth in N.J.S.A. 39:3-84 and 23 CFR 658.13.

“Household goods carrier” means a vehicle being used to transport household goods and effects to or from a private residence, or to or from a place of storage.

“102-inch wide standard truck” means a truck greater than 96 inches, but not greater than 102 inches in width, exclusive of mirrors and other safety devices, which meets the equipment length requirements as set forth in N.J.S.A. 39:3-84(3) and (4), as amended.

“Terminal” means any location where freight originates, terminates, or is handled in the transportation process and, when serviced by twin trailers, includes sufficient off-street area for ingress, egress, drop off or pick up and maneuvering of twin trailer combinations. Additionally, a motor carrier operating facility, a distribution center, or a rail, waterborne, or air terminal shall be considered the same as a terminal.

“Trip” means travel from one terminal to another terminal.

16:32-1.3 General provisions

(a) Double-trailer truck combinations and 102-inch wide standard trucks are permitted to operate in New Jersey only to

the extent and under the conditions authorized by the rules in this chapter.

(b) Double-trailer truck combinations and 102-inch wide standard trucks must complete all trips using the National Network, but may leave the National Network in order to seek access to terminals pursuant to this chapter.

(c) Double-trailer truck combinations and 102-inch wide standard trucks may be permitted to detour off the authorized routes only to the extent necessary to bypass road closings, and route restrictions, such as weight or vertical clearance limits. Double-trailer truck combinations and 102-inch wide standard trucks shall return to the designated network as soon as practicable during a detour movement.

(d) To the extent feasible, a trip to a terminal shall avoid residential areas.

(e) The rules of this chapter do not supersede other State rules outside of this chapter, municipal ordinances and county resolutions, which may otherwise restrict or control the movements of trucks or other vehicles. An example of such a restriction is a maximum weight posting or the designation of local “truck route” restrictions, which have been adopted and posted as provided in N.J.S.A. 40:67-16.1 et seq.

(f) The maximum width permitted on the routes designated in N.J.A.C. 16:32-1.4(c) and 1.6 is 102 inches, exclusive of mirrors and other safety devices.

16:32-1.4 Designated National Network travel routes for double-trailer truck combinations and 102-inch wide standard trucks

(a) The following routes, which comprise approximately 545 miles, are hereinafter designated as the “National Network” for travel by double-trailer truck combinations and 102-inch wide standard trucks:

1. Interstate highways, except I-78 between Henderson Street in Jersey City, Hudson County at approximate milepost 67.03 to the New York State Line (Holland Tunnel) in Hudson County at approximate milepost 67.83;
2. The New Jersey Turnpike (entire length);
3. The Atlantic City Expressway (entire length);
4. NJ Route 42, from I-295 in Bellmawr Borough, Camden County at approximate milepost 14.18 to the Atlantic City Expressway in Washington Township, Gloucester County at approximate milepost 6.35;
5. NJ Route 81 from I-95 in Elizabeth City, Union County at milepost 0.00 to US 1 at Newark Airport in Elizabeth City, Union County at approximate milepost 1.00;
6. US Route 130, from US Route 322 in Logan Township, Gloucester County at approximate milepost 12.21 to I-295 in Logan Township, Gloucester County at