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Fast Facts for Timber Transport

Weight

- With a harvest permit, the maximum gross weight limit for the transport of unprocessed forest products on a five axle vehicle is 84,000 pounds, not to exceed 44,000 pounds on any tandem. MS Code 63-5-33
- Without a harvest permit, the maximum gross weight limit for the transport of unprocessed forest products on a five axle vehicle is 80,000 pounds, not to exceed 42,000 pounds on any tandem. MS Code 63-5-33
- Harvest permits are not valid on Interstate Highways, except I-22, or posted bridges.
- See the MS Department of Transportation for additional axle regulations.

Lengths

- Logs being hauled during the day cannot extend more than 28 feet beyond the rear axle of the vehicle. MS Code 63-5-19

Night Hauling

- Any overhang more than four feet from the end of the trailer must have an oscillating/flashing amber or red light at the end of the load. MS Code 63-7-47 and MDOT Rules and Regulations

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Night Hauling Continued:

- Vehicles transporting timber, with a 12 Foot Rear Overhang Permit, are allowed to travel from two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset with a 12 foot overhang measured from the rear trailer lights. MS Code 63-7-47 and MDOT Rules and Regulations
- See MDOT “12 Foot Rear Overhang Permit” for additional night haul regulations

Binding

- The load on vehicles designed to transport forestry products should be secured by at least two chains, two wire ropes, or two nylon straps, one positioned behind the front bolster and one in front of the back bolster. MS Code 63-5-19

Safety Inspections

- Trucks transporting logs and pulpwood between the point of harvest and the first point of processing the harvested product are exempt from inspection. MS Code 77-7-16
- All vehicles are required to be equipped with operable minimum safety equipment. MS Code 63-7-7

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