

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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Robert Pitcher
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Dear Mr. Pitcher:

This letter is in response to the letter dated November 10, 2009 from the American Trucking Association, Maryland Motor Truck Association, and Virginia Trucking Association (collectively, "associations") to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding enforcement of District regulations for commercial vehicles operating within the District. In the letter, the three associations requested that DDOT:

- Correct the information released by the Department concerning permits required for commercial vehicles with an overall combined length exceeding 55 feet, and to cease enforcing any such requirements on vehicles operated under the exception in section 2502.11 of title 18 of the DC Municipal Regulations (cited as 18 DCMR § 2502.11), and
- Recognize that the credential requirements imposed on interstate motor carriers by chapter 25 of title 18 of the DC Municipal Regulations are preempted by federal law, and cease enforcing any such requirements.

The District appreciates the concern regarding these regulations. At this time, the specific inquiries will be taken under further advisement. And until official guidance is released from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), combination vehicles exceeding 55 feet in length are only subject to permit requirements in accordance with the kingpin distance of 41 feet as indicated in 24 DCMR § 2502.11.

DDOT will continue to coordinate with the associations and share official guidance of overlength regulations when appropriate. For any further questions, please contact Eulois Cleckley at 202-671-0682 or eulois.cleckley@dc.gov.

Regards,

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