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Title 11

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subtitle 15 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION — VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Chapter 20 Dump Service Registration

Authority: Transportation Article, §§12-104(b) and 13-919, Annotated Code of Maryland

[.04] .02 Requirements.

A. Except as otherwise provided, a load shall be enclosed in conformance with Transportation Article, §24-106.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.

B. Dump service registered vehicles operating in combination with another vehicle may not be allowed the weight exemptions provided for this class of registration.

[.05] Procedures for Applying for Dump Service Registration.

A. Two or Three Axle Dump Service Vehicles. The original application for registration shall be accompanied by:

- (1) A dump service certification (Form VR-98);
- (2) A sideview photograph of the vehicle; and
- (3) The fee as set forth in Transportation Article, §13-919, Annotated Code of Maryland.

B. Four or More Axle Dump Service Vehicles. The original application for registration shall be accompanied by:

- (1) A dump service certification (Form VR-98);
- (2) A sideview photograph of the vehicle, clearly showing the lift axle;
- (3) The manufacturer's, second-stage manufacturer's, or authorized dealer's certification that the vehicle is in compliance with the requirements of COMAR 11.15.27.05; and
- (4) The fee as set forth in Transportation Article, §13-919, Annotated Code of Maryland.]

Chapter 27 Four or More Axle Dump Service Vehicles

Authority: Transportation Article, §§12-104(b) and 13-919, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Definitions.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) "Dump service registration" means registration of a vehicle under the provisions of Transportation Article, §13-919, Annotated Code of Maryland, *or an apportioned vehicle properly registered in another state.*

(3) —(5) (text unchanged)

[.05] .04 Lift Axle and Vehicle Design Requirements.

[.06] .05 Certification.

A. Certification of compliance with Regulation .05 of this chapter shall be[:]

[(1) Documented] *documented* on letterhead stationery by the manufacturer, second-stage manufacturer, or authorized dealer and [shall] include, in addition to information required by 49 CFR §§567.4 and 567.5:

[(a)] (1) The lift axle air pressure in pounds per square inch for an axle load of 12,000 pounds when the vehicle is evenly loaded between 65,000 and 70,000 pounds GVW, and

[(b)] (2) The manufacturer's, second-stage manufacturer's, or authorized dealer's license number[; and

(2) Carried in the vehicle at all times and produced upon the demand of a law enforcement officer].

B. *Before operating the dump service vehicle with a gross vehicle weight above 55,000 pounds in Maryland, the vehicle owner shall submit to the Administration:*

(1) The certification completed by the manufacturer, second-stage manufacturer, or authorized dealer in accordance with the provisions of §A of this regulation [shall be submitted to the Motor Vehicle Administration at the time of registration].

[C. The owner of a vehicle, when applying for a dump service registration, shall certify] (2) *A certification* that the vehicle shall be operated in compliance with the requirements of these regulations [and complies with the provisions of COMAR 11.15.20.05.]:

(3) *A dump service certification (Form VR-98); and*

(4) *A sideview photograph of the vehicle.*

C. Upon receipt of the required documents, the Administration shall issue a certification stating that the vehicle meets the requirements of this regulation and Regulation .05 of this chapter.

D. The certification issued by the Administration under §C of this regulation shall be carried or otherwise available for display in the vehicle at all times and produced upon the demand of a law enforcement officer.

E. The Administration may revoke the certification to operate this vehicle if the Administration finds that the vehicle no longer meets the requirements of this regulation and Regulation .05 of this chapter.

[.07] .06 Vehicle Operation.

A. The lift axle shall be fully engaged by a dump service vehicle, which is registered for 70,000 pounds, when operating with a GVW above 55,000 pounds.

B. Lift Axle Loading Requirements.

(1) When fully engaged in accordance with §A of this regulation, the lift axle shall have certified air pressure to assure the minimum load of 13,500 pounds with a maximum tolerance of minus 1,500 pounds for an evenly loaded vehicle with a GVW of 70,000 pounds.

(2) A vehicle operating with a GVW of less than 70,000 pounds but more than 55,000 pounds shall have a minimum lift axle loading of:

(a) 10,000 pounds for GVW of 65,000 to 69,999 pounds; and

(b) 8,000 pounds for GVW of greater than 55,000 to 64,999 pounds.

C. The lift axle may be disengaged during:

(1) Turns at intersections;

(2) Turns at sharp curves with a posted speed limit of 15 mph or less;

(3) Entering and exiting delivery or loading locations;

(4) Movement on driveways;

(5) Unloading; or

(6) Travel on routes with a snow emergency declared in accordance with Transportation Article, §21-1119, Annotated Code of Maryland.

D. A lift axle disengaged under §C of this regulation may be disengaged for 1/4 mile before and 1/4 mile after the authorized raising of the lift axle during operation.

E. A Dump Service Vehicle with four axels may operate at a maximum gross weight of 65,000 pounds when the vehicle is operated on an interstate outside of Allegany or Garrett County provided:

(1) It is properly registered in this State or is an apportioned vehicle and properly registered in another state;

(2) The owner has the document issued by the Administration under §C of this regulation; and

(3) The vehicle operator carries in the cab a certificate of approval from the Administration while operating the vehicle above a gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds.

F. A Dump Service Vehicle used to haul coal, logs, or pulpwood that is registered in this State in compliance with Transportation Article, §13-919, Annotated Code of Maryland, or is an Apportioned Vehicle and properly registered in another state and operated on Interstate Route 68 in Allegany County or Garrett County is allowed a maximum gross weight limitation of 70,000 pounds.

[.08] .07 (text unchanged)

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