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 Spring Weight Restrictions

Order dated February 25, 2000  
 made under Section 20 of the  
*Public Highways Act*

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 20 OF THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS ACT,  
 R.S.N.S. 1989, C. 371

ORDER

Pursuant to Section 20(1) of Chapter 371 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, the Public Highways Act, Martin Delaney, the Executive Director District Operations of the Department of Transportation and Public Works hereby orders that:

- a) the Weight Restrictions set out below (hereafter referred to as "Spring Weight Restrictions"), shall apply to public highways in the zones shown for the time period indicated in Table A, and
- b) the roads set out in Appendix 1, attached hereto, are exempt from the Spring Weight Restrictions.

TABLE A

ZONE	WEIGHT RESTRICTION PERIOD
Counties of: Yarmouth, Shelburne, Digby and Queens	12:01 a.m., March 2, 2000 to 12:01 a.m., April 24, 2000
Counties of: Annapolis, Kings, Lunenburg, Halifax and Hants	12:01 a.m., March 2, 2000 to 12:01 a.m., April 27, 2000
Counties of: Colchester, Cumberland, Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough, Richmond, Victoria and Cape Breton.	12:01 a.m., March 2, 2000 to 12:01 a.m., April 27, 2000

**SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS**

The maximum vehicle and axle weights permitted by this order are as follows:

- (A) Maximum single axle weight of 6,500 kg except single drive school and passenger buses, public utility service trucks, and fire fighting trucks; no tolerances.

- (B) Maximum tandem or triple axle weight of 12,000 kg; no tolerances.
- (C) Maximum gross vehicle weight of 12, 000 kg for single drive school and passenger buses, public utility service trucks, and fire fighting trucks that exceed 6,500 kg on a single axle; no tolerances.

Exemptions are as follows:

- (a) public utility service trucks while responding to emergency situations, where an emergency situation includes the restoration of services or the establishment of new services to occupied buildings.
- (b) fire fighting trucks while responding to emergency situations, where an emergency situation includes attending actual fires, medical crises and motor vehicles accidents, assisting in [a] fire investigations.

For purposes of this Order, the following Definitions apply:

1. **“Single Axle”** means [means] an axle which transfers the load carried by it approximately equally to the wheel or wheels attached to each end of the axle.
2. **“Tandem-Axle”** means an axle assembly containing two (2) consecutive axles whose centers are not less than 1.20 metres apart,
  - 2.1 attached to the vehicle in such a manner that the load on the axle group is equalized on the two (2) axles, and
  - 2.2 equipped with brakes on both axles.
3. **“Triple-Axle”** means an axle assembly of three (3) consecutive axles with the centers of no two (2) consecutive axles less than 1.20 metres apart, and
  - 3.1 attached to the vehicle in such a manner that the load on the axle group is equalized on three (3) axles, and
  - 3.2 equipped with brakes on all three axles.
4. **“Gross Vehicle Weight”** means the sum of the individual axle weights of all axles of the vehicle or combination of vehicles.

Dated and made at Halifax, N.S., this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000.

Signed: *Martin J. Delaney*  
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Public Works

**Note:** Copies of the list of highways exempt from spring weight restrictions referred to as Appendix 1 are available at the Department of Transportation and Public Works Divisional Offices and Scale Houses.