

KANSAS

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

PILOT/ESCORT PERSONAL REQUIREMENT:

None noted on regulations

Minimum of 18 years of age with a valid drivers license and documents showing completion of a defensive driving course approved by National Safety Council. Escort driver shall have a copy of the manual "Traveling through Kansas" in vehicle and copy of Certification Program.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum insurance required by state in which vehicle is insured.

PILOT/ESCORT VEHICLE SIGNS, LIGHTS AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

WARNING SIGNS:

Mounting Location:

Front Bumper: Acceptable

Rear Bumper: Acceptable

Roof or Top Mount: Acceptable

Preferred wording:

"OVERSIZE LOAD" required

Size:

5' long x 12" high

Color:

Yellow Background

Letters:

Black

Size of Letters:

8" high with 1-1/8" brush stroke

Signs must be removed, retracted or covered when not in use.

WARNING LIGHTS:

Type:

Flashing or Rotating

Color:

Amber

Size of Lights:

8" minimum diameter

Number:

(1) minimum

Location:

Roof or Top Mount

Power:

Not noted on regulations

Sight Distance:

1000' minimum

Visibility:

All directions

Headlights/Taillights: Turned on at all times of movement

FLAG REQUIREMENTS:

Color of Flags:

Not noted on regulations

Size of Flags:

Not noted on regulations

Mounting Location:

Not noted on regulations

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENT:

Type:

Citizens Band or other acceptable radio

Range:

Not noted on regulations

Use:

Not noted on regulations

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

(8) Reflective Triangles

Standard 18" or 24" Stop/Slow Paddle

(8) Red Burning Flares

First Aid Kit

(3) Orange colored 18" high Cones

Spare Tire, Jack & Lug Wrench

(1) Orange Hard Hat

Orange Vest or Jacket

(2) Amber Flashing Lights 6" or higher

(2) 12" Red or Orange Hand Held Flags

(1) 5 lb. BC Fire Extinguisher

NUMBER OF ESCORTS REQUIRED:

When escorting loads or convoys more than 14' wide the following conditions shall apply:

1) On all highways fewer than 4 lanes, front and rear escorts shall be required plus a flagman. Except for super loads and large structures, the rear escort may be eliminated if a warning light is attached to the top of the towing vehicle and to the rear of each load and is mounted no less than 2' or more than 8' above the surface of the road.

2) On highways consisting on 4-lanes or more, a rear escort shall be required for super loads and large structures. All other types of loads shall not require escorting. Loads more than 17' shall require an attendant to care for overhead service wires and structures. Carriers of loads more than 17' high shall notify all appropriate utilities before moving the load. A large structure load is a load that exceeds 16'6" width, 18' height, exceeding length of 126" also constitutes a large structure.

3) When moving an oversize or overweight load, the driver of each escort vehicle and the driver of the permitted vehicle shall communicate verbally with each other, using two-way radios.

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TURNPIKES: Vehicles and/or loads exceeding 14' are required to obtain authorization from the Turnpike Highway Patrol Commander, office number (316) 682-4537, fax (316) 682-5546. Movement of loads are limited to Monday - Thursday, hours 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. At least one escort vehicle is required on loads over 16' in width on the Kansas Turnpike. No night moves allowed. No moves over 14' in height.

TRAVEL TIMES/RESTRICTIONS:

Daytime travel beginning 1/2 hour BEFORE Sunrise and ending 1/2 hour AFTER Sunset. Night movements shall be allowed for loads that are only overweight. Permits for over-dimensional loads shall be restricted to daylight movement unless the secretary finds that an emergency exists, in which case a permit for nighttime movement may be issued for the special condition. Special conditions shall be noted on the permit. Carriers transporting oversize or overweight loads may move every day of the year, including holidays.

TRAVEL PILOTING/ESCORTING DISTANCES:

Front Car: 300' Rear Car: 300',

HEIGHT POLE REQUIREMENTS:

Accurate non-conducting height pole when loads exceed 14' in height

IMPORTANT STATE NUMBERS:

Kansas Trucking Connection, 1500 Southwest Arrowhead, Topeka, KS (785) 271-3145

Site Location:

www.ksdot.org/burtrafficeng/KTC/default.asp

Pilot Car Info:

www.ksdot.org/burtrafficeng/KTC/Applications/EscortCertificationInformation.asp

www.ksdot.org/burtrafficeng/KTC/PDFs/EscortCertificateofComplianceApplication.pdf

www.ksdot.org/burtrafficeng/KTC/Applications/SuperloadTripReportForm.pdf

www.truckingks.org/ktc_handbook.pdf