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SEASONAL LOAD LIMIT NOTIFICATION

Date: December 10 2018

Subject: Winter Load Increase date set for the CENTRAL FROST ZONE

POSTING UPDATE

Winter Load Increases will begin on unrestricted highways in the CENTRAL FROST ZONE at 12:01 AM on Friday, December 14, 2018.

Winter Load Increases have already begun in the NORTH and NORTH-CENTRAL FROST ZONES.

Vehicles will be allowed to operate up to 10 percent over the standard legal maximum loads on unrestricted highways during the Winter Load Increase period. However, trucks must comply with current registration weight laws and not exceed registered gross weight tolerances. Please check with local agencies (cities, counties and townships) prior to increasing any weights on their routes. The sign erected on the roadway governs the load limit in effect. A Winter Weight Increase Permit is required to take advantage of the 10 percent weight increase on Interstate Highways only; a permit is not required for state trunk highways.

For questions about enforcement call:
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
State Patrol - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
651-405-6196 (select Option 3, Option 3).

For questions about over legal weight/size "heavy haul" trucking call:
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations - Oversize/Weight Permits
651-296-6000
or email: ofcvpermits.dot@state.mn.us

Load limit dates are based on how weather is affecting roadway strength. These dates are established by monitoring roadway strength as weather conditions change. Therefore, these dates are variable.

As soon as a date is set, MnDOT will report this date on its 24-hour automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 for the USA and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St Paul area. This information is also published on the MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits website: www.mndot.gov/loadlimits

All changes are made with a minimum three calendar-day notice.