

<b>Registration of Office Trailers, Mobile Homes, Mini and Modular Homes, Over-width low bed Trailers</b>		Inspection and Enforcement New Brunswick/ Highway Safety Enforcement	3.1.13
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## 1. Purpose

- A. As Enforcement Officers/Sergeants under the Motor Vehicle Act, HSE Officers/Sergeants must be familiar with the registration or exemption process related to vehicle registrations.
- B. To identify and define the requirements needed when processing and/or dealing with:
  - I. construction/office trailers,
  - II. mobile homes,
  - III. mini and/or modular homes;
  - IV. over-width low bed trailers

## 2. Procedure

- A. Directive from the Registrar July 23, 2008

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles has approved the use of a “**Transporter plate**” to be used when moving manufactured-housing units, residential and commercial that is on their own chassis. Trailer plates that are vehicle specific cannot be shared between different units in tow. Officers/Sergeants who encounter this scenario during the course of their duties are to collect all the pertinent information and notify their Sergeant/Superintendent in writing. The Sergeant/Superintendent will ensure that the Registrar’s office is made aware of the incident. The first time that this is encountered it should be resolved by way of warning for improper use of a plate. The plate may be seized as part of the investigation of the occurrence.

- B. Construction/ Office Trailer

- I. A construction/office trailer is generally a vehicle which is used to serve as an office space for workers, a cook shack or even a bunkhouse for sleeping, and is moved **infrequently** to and from a construction site. These trailers are usually over-width but do not carry a load. The wheels are an integrated part of the unit and are not a separate assembly that the body rests on.
- II. These vehicles may be issued a **Transit Marker** and **MUST** also have an **OVER-WIDTH Permit** in order to be legal.
- III. Trailers that are moved more frequently (e.g. a leasing company) maybe plated instead of having to purchase a Transit Marker for each move. (Also please see note from Registrar above in this section).

**C. Mobile homes; mini and /or modular homes:**

- I. If the mobile home units are equipped with an undercarriage that render them trailers capable of mobility when towed, they would then come under Sections 17(1) and 21 of the *Motor Vehicle Act* requiring them to be registered.

**Note: they would not have to be registered if transported on a flat bed trailer. The transporting trailer would require registration**

- II. Registration plates will be issued to the hauling company only and valid for one to three years. Original issue of registration is by the Registrar of Motor Vehicle, Head Office, Fredericton only. Renewals will be completed at any Service New Brunswick Office.
- III. Should the owner wish to haul their own mobile home or mini home, a transit marker is required.

**D. Over-width low bed trailers:**

- I. These are a typical low bed trailer. However, they exceed the legal width (2.6m) to be operated on the highway. These vehicles would require an oversize permit to operate on the highway.