

Jeep Dollies, Converter, Mule, Pusher Axles		Inspection and Enforcement New Brunswick/ Highway Safety Enforcement	3.1.15
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Inspection and Registration Requirements.

2. Procedure:

This is a gray area under the Motor Vehicle Act. Some jurisdictions require they be plated and inspected while others do not. Ex: PEI do not require either plating or inspecting of these axles although some companies choose to do so.

In New Brunswick, they are only required to be inspected and plated if they are used at the end of a trailer so as to block the plated trailer. Regular enforcement practices applicable if in violation.

A. SNB Manual:

Some vehicles have an optional axle (sometime referred to as a “dolly” or “mule” axle) which is added to the end of the trailer. These separate axles must have a trailer plate and also be inspected. If they are installed on a trailer they would block the plate number already issued to the trailer, or conversely, if the plate was only on the “dolly” and it was removed, there would be no plate on the trailer. (From the SNB Manual).

B. Enforcement:

Due to reciprocal agreements with other jurisdictions; N.B officers may encounter these types of axles in use without inspections or plates. We are to accept this, keeping in mind that regardless of the above, these axles must be in safe operating condition

