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Division: Office of Enforcement

Rule Title: Harvest Permits

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**The person to be contacted regarding the proposed rule is:** Facility and Records Management Director

**Name of person originating the proposed rule:** Tommy Thames

**Name of supervisor or person who approved the proposed rule:** Director Willie Huff

**Purpose:**

Define the authority for Mississippi Department of Transportation Office of Enforcement Permit Division to issue Harvest Permits.

**Summary:**

This rule cites the the statutory authority for the issuance of Harvest Permits and displays the over dimensional permitting rules as adopted by the Mississippi Transportation Commission.

**The full text of the proposed rule adopted by the Mississippi Transportation Commission is recorded in Minute Book 9 Page 1074 as amended:**

**All cites herein refer to the most current version of the cited document.**

The Mississippi Transportation Commission's is authorized to establish rules by Section § 65-1-8 (2)(c), et. seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated as amended. Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated as amended Section 27-19-81(4) authorizes the Mississippi Transportation Commission to issue Harvest Permits. The Mississippi Transportation Commission adopted rules for the Mississippi Department of Transportation Office of Enforcement Permit Division issuance of Harvest Permits. The full text of the rule is attached. Cites to the Mississippi Code may be found at [www.state.ms.us](http://www.state.ms.us).

## **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Harvest Permit Administrative Procedures**

Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2476, the owner and/or operator of a vehicle may apply to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for authorization to receive a Harvest Permit. The permit will entitle the vehicle to haul sand, gravel, fill dirt, agricultural products or unprocessed forestry products at an authorized maximum gross weight not to exceed 84,000 pounds. The authorization and permit are subject to the following restrictions.

1. All applications for authorization for a Harvest Permit must be submitted to the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT): Harvest Permit Application, Post Office Box 1850, Jackson, Mississippi, 39215-1850.
2. **Harvest Permits are not valid on Interstate Highways.** Any weight in excess of the maximum legal gross weight of the vehicle or in excess of the maximum highway weight

limit shall be penalized \$0.05 per pound for the first 16,000 pounds of excess weight and \$0.15 per pound for all excess weight exceeding 16,000 pounds.

3. Harvest Permits are not valid on low-weight roads.
4. Vehicles, which due to number of axles and/or axle spacing, can not haul maximum load limits, may obtain Harvest Permits to haul covered products at 4,000 pounds above their authorized gross weight limit. Weight in excess of 4,000 pounds above their authorized weight limit will be penalized at \$0.05 cents per pound and \$0.15 cents per pound for excess weight exceeding 16,000 pounds.
5. For the purposes of these regulations, "agricultural products" (except unprocessed forest products) are defined as those products produced on the farm and being transported from the farm to market or processing points (cotton seeds, regardless of origin, will be considered an agricultural product).
6. For the purposes of these regulations, "unprocessed forestry products" are defined at those forestry products being hauled directly for the forest. Hauling from a "holding yard" will be considered as being hauled directly from the forest. (Sawdust, bark, and chips, regardless of origin, will be considered an unprocessed forestry product).
7. A check or money order in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) made payable to the Mississippi Department of Transportation must accompany the application for authorization for a Harvest Permit. All checks or money orders not made payable to the Mississippi Department of Transportation will be returned.
8. Applications for authorization for a Harvest Permit are subject to approval by MDOT. Applications not approved for any reason will be returned to the applicant for correction.
9. The Harvest Permit shall include a decal and an authorization letter. The Harvest Permit is effective as of the issue date as shown on the authorization. Upon receipt of the decal, the decal shall be affixed in the upper left corner of the applying vehicle's driver side windshield.
10. One Harvest Permit decal will be issued for every approved application after meeting all other requirements. The decal will be serialized for audit purposes. The decal is not transferable between owners or vehicles. If a decal is found on a vehicle for which it was not issued, the decal becomes null and void and the vehicle is considered as not having a Harvest Permit.
11. A Copy of the authorization letter must be kept in the vehicle at all times. If the vehicle is found without the authorization, the decal becomes null and void.

These administrative procedures are in no manner intended to effect or supplant the authority granted by Senate Bill no. 2475 to the board of supervisors of any county or the governing authority of any municipality concerning this subject manner.

These procedures were approved by the Mississippi Transportation Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 9, 2002

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## Harvest Permit Application

Mail to: Mississippi Department of Transportation  
Office of Enforcement  
PO Box 1850  
Jackson, MS 39215-1850  
Attention: Harvest Permit

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Product Hauled \_\_\_\_\_

Tag No. & State \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date of Tag \_\_\_\_\_

VIN # \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make & Yr. \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ONE: Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 per truck made payable to the Mississippi Department of Transportation. For multiple applications send only one check or money order for total amount. Fees and Decals are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

**Please do not staple or tape check or money order to application.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 1-888-737-0061 or 601-359-5942

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