

Harvest Permits 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Harvest Permits are not valid on Interstate Highways. Any vehicle weighed in excess of 80,000 pounds on an Interstate Highway will be penalized \$0.05 per pound for all weight in excess of 80,000 and \$0.15 per pound for all weight in excess of 100,000 pounds.
- Harvest Permits are not valid on low-weight roads.
- Vehicles, which due to number of axles and/or axle spacing, cannot 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.
- 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).
- For the purposes of these regulations, "unprocessed forestry products" are defined as those forestry products being hauled directly from the forest. Hauling from a "holding yard" will be considered as being hauled directly from the forest.
- The owner requesting the Harvest Permit must not have any outstanding vehicle fees or penalties where fines are under appeal or where penalties are being paid under a payment plan.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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. 2476 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY OR THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF ANY MUNICIPALITY CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT MATTER.

These procedures were approved by the Mississippi Transportation Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 28, 1994.