**Section 554.607 Movement to a Designated Scale**

Sections 15-301(b) and (f) of the Code allow the permittee to travel to a certified scale to verify the axle and gross weights of an overweight load when the permittee is uncertain of the correct weights. The following conditions apply:

a) The applicant must, on the original application, request that the load be routed to a certified scale, the location of which was designated on the application.

b) For all single trip permits, the scale must be the nearest scale to the permittee's origin that has been certified by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (State weigh stations included). The "nearest scale" is defined as a scale within 25 miles of the permitted load's origin or no more than ⅓ of the total distance of the permitted route, whichever distance is less. However, if size and/or weight limits preclude the use of the requested scale, the permittee shall be routed to the first scale located within the route assigned by the Permit Office provided such scale is located within 25 miles of the permittee's origin or no more than ⅓ of the total distance of the permitted route, whichever distance is less.

c) The applicant must indicate the requested routing.

d) If any routes under the jurisdiction of local agencies are included in the routing, the applicant must provide evidence that approval has been secured from the local authority having jurisdiction.

e) Due to the volume of permits handled, the Permit Office cannot assist the applicant in determining the closest certified scale. By approving the routing to the scale as requested by the applicant and indicating the weight of the load is to be checked at a designated scale, the Permit Office in no way implies that it is the closest certified scale to the permit's origin. If a police officer finds there is a closer certified scale, the police officer may require the permittee to travel to that scale; however, it is that police officer's responsibility to verify that the routes can accommodate the load.

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