



**SUBJECT: Increase of Length to RV Trailers with 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Hitch, with a GVW under 10,000kg**

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**PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR**

To clarify while a regulatory amendment occurs, effective immediately, owners, and operators of RV Trailers with 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Hitches with a GVW of under 10,000kg, that the maximum overall trailer length allowable has increased from 12.5m to 14.65m.

**BACKGROUND**

The recreational vehicle industry has experienced rapid growth in recent years, particularly with sales of travel trailers. RV trailers sold in Canada must be built to either the CSA Z240 RV Series Standard or the US equivalent and must also comply with provincial and territorial regulations for weight and dimension limits.

There has been a need for some time to have RV trailer weight and dimension limits be harmonized across Canada and that the trailer length limit be increased to 14.65 m. The majority of RV trailers sold in Canada are manufactured in the United States and are designed to comply with state regulations for weights and dimensions. The popularity of longer RV trailers is, in part, a reflection of changes made in a number of US state regulations to increase the length limit.

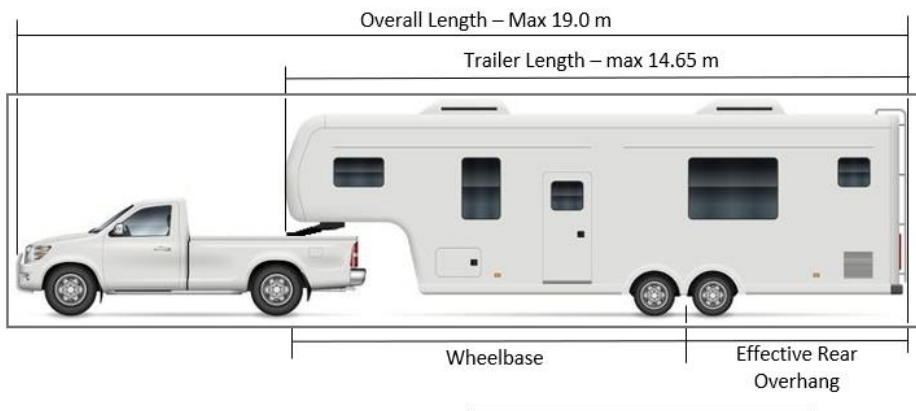
For consistency in policy for recreational vehicles nationally, the Federal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was updated by all provinces except British Columbia, by the Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Task Force with an amendment in February 2022 to reflect the following allowable overall length for RV trailers under 10,000 kg GVW:

- Overall length of RV trailers with 5<sup>th</sup> wheel hitch increased from 12.5m to 14.65m.

British Columbia has completed an extensive review of its' road networks and is now confident in signing on to the agreement for additional length to RV Trailers with a 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Hitch as reflected in the national MOU.

## **AUTHORIZATION**

RV Trailers with 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Hitch, with a GVW under 10,000kg, may operate without permits at legal weight, up to an overall trailer length of 14.65m not exceeding an overall length of 19.0m.



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Yours truly,

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