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## **1. Purpose**

IRP is a registration agreement among the States of the United States and the Canadian Provinces for payment or registration fees on the basis of percentage of the distance operated in all the jurisdictions.

## **2. Procedure**

### **A. IRP Agreement:**

New Brunswick has joined IRP effective April 1, 2001. This plan replaced certain aspects such as the calculation of registration fees, sharing and reporting of jurisdictional fees, etc., of the current CAVR plan. IRP is for Canadian vehicles that now wish to travel in the United States and for vehicles in the United States traveling in the Canadian Provinces eliminates the need to purchase trip permits. This agreement relates to vehicles that intend to travel in two or more jurisdictions.

### **B. Under IRP, the following vehicles are “qualified” and are covered under the plan or must have a “trip permit”:**

- i. two axle vehicles with a registered or an actual gross weight of 11,794 kgs or 26,000 lbs. or more.
- ii. power unit having three or more axles regardless of the registered or actual gross weight.
- iii. a regular route bus
- iv. a two axle vehicle or combination of vehicles thereof having a gross vehicle weight of 11,794 kgs or 26,000 lbs. or less doing INTRA operation. Note that if these vehicles are doing INTER operation or are a bus used in the transportation of chartered parties they may be proportionally registered at the option of the registrant. IRP is flexible and it allows this group of vehicles to also join the plan.
- v. vehicles from outside jurisdictions are required to carry the original registration for IRP.

### **C. IRP Reciprocity:**

IRP covers the treatment of vehicles that are required to be in the plan. It also specifies some vehicles that are excluded from the plan, and these are basically the same as those outlined in the CAVR category B description below. IRP, however, requires each jurisdiction to obtain separate reciprocity agreement for the recognition of “restricted plates” to allow these vehicles to be operated on an INTER basis. Although formal reciprocity agreements have not been received from the IRP jurisdictions, it is generally agreed to by all jurisdictions that the following plated vehicles are granted reciprocity for INTER operation:

- i. dealer plates
- ii. transporter plates
- iii. farm plated vehicles
- iv. fishing industry vehicles (primarily NS)
- v. emergency vehicles
- vi. special mobile equipment

### **D. Canadian Agreement on Vehicle Registration**

CAVR still exists in Canada as there are many features under this plan that are not included in IRP that the provinces wanted to retain for the benefit of Canadian truckers. It is used to define the category B vehicle, which are vehicles not covered specifically under IRP. The CAVR plan allows for full and free reciprocity host jurisdiction. The category B vehicles are defined as:

- i. two axle motor vehicles with a registered or an actual gross weight of less than 11,794 kgs or 26,000 lbs. and are used or maintained for the transportation of property
- ii. Charter bus for the transportation of chartered parties (inter only) or
- iii. recreational vehicles used for personal pleasure or travel by an individual or family
- iv. a power unit registered as a government vehicle (inter) or
- v. farm and fishing industry registered vehicles (inter) or
- vi. any vehicle that is traveling unladen
- vii. a private bus
- viii. a trailer, semi-trailer, converter dolly or container chassis or their equivalent

**Note:** if INTRA operation is required then the applicant must be prorated in New Brunswick or buy a trip permit.

#### **E. New Brunswick and Quebec Reciprocity**

This is a separate reciprocity agreement for certain vehicles being used for transportation of certain commodities or in Other situations such as vehicle repair, etc., between New Brunswick and Quebec. Ex: raw forest products in specified counties. Stone, earth, gravel, and sand restricted to the county of Bonaventure, Quebec, and the county of Restigouche, N.B. Please refer to the actual agreement for all conditions of the agreement.

#### **F. One Way Allocated Vehicles:**

One way allocated vehicles are generally rental vehicles, with a registered gross mass of less than 11,794 kgs or 26,000 lbs., operated as part of an identifiable one-way fleet. The owners of these vehicles will allocate vehicles to the respective jurisdictions to be fully plated based on the distance factor. All trucks of such one-way fleets so qualified will be allowed to perform (inter-intra) operation.

#### **G. Private Household Moves:**

Private household moves in the Canadian Provinces are allowed INTER operation without the need to prorate or buy trip permits. The vehicle can be registered to the owner of the furniture, or it could be borrowed from a friend or other or it could be a one-way allocated (it is not necessarily prorated for travel in New Brunswick). If it is a regular rental vehicle, this vehicle would have to be prorated or trip permitted. The owner of the furniture (or family member) must be present in the truck or separate vehicle. (This does not include a commercial household moving business, which must prorate in IRP or trip permit).

#### **H. Hunter's Permit:**

Unladen vehicle only, producing or displaying a valid Hunter's permit. This kind of permit is issued to an owner-operator (lessor) who terminates a lease and has to surrender the apportioned license plate and cab card to the carrier (lessee). This permit enables a vehicle or combination of vehicles to use the highways in all jurisdictions for the purpose of finding a job and it is not transferable.

#### **I. IRP Procedure for Participating Jurisdictions:**

- i. laden vehicles or combination of vehicles entering New Brunswick from any Canadian or United States jurisdictions that are not exempted, will be handled as follows:

- a. They may proceed if the vehicle has a valid home Province State license plate and indicating New Brunswick as host jurisdiction on registration or cab card.
- b. However, if the laden vehicle or combination vehicles has a valid Province or State but without indicating New Brunswick as host jurisdiction on registration or cab card and is not in possession of a valid New Brunswick special trip permit, then the vehicle is in violation of Section 17(1)(a) of the Motor Vehicle Act and may be assessed a penalty of \$172.50.
- c. Before proceeding, a New Brunswick special trip permit must be issued. The cost of a New Brunswick special trip permit is \$85.00 for a laden single vehicle and
  - d. \$169.00 for a laden combination of vehicles.
- ii. Unladen single or combination of vehicles plated in the United States entering New Brunswick and are not prorated for New Brunswick and are not in possession of a Hunter's permit or a New Brunswick special trip permit, are in violation of Section 17(1)(a) of the Motor Vehicle Act. They may be assessed a penalty of \$172.50 Before proceeding, a New Brunswick special trip permit in the amount of \$24.00 must be issued. It is recommended to ask the driver if they are going to pick-up a load in New Brunswick. If so, a laden trip permit of \$85.00 or \$169.00 is required.
- iii. Category B vehicles are exempted from IRP and are allowed to operate inter-jurisdictional in the province providing they are properly registered in their home Province or State. They can only drop off or pick-up goods in the province or for another jurisdiction. Otherwise, the vehicle is in violation of Section 17(1)(a) of the Motor Vehicle Act. A penalty of \$172.50 may be assessed. If they wish to operate intra-jurisdictional, they must carry or display New Brunswick commercial plates or a New Brunswick special trip permit.

**J. Procedure for non participation jurisdictions:**

- i. The non-participation jurisdictions are North West Territories Yukon, Alaska and Hawaii. Laden vehicles entering New Brunswick from jurisdictions that are not presently participating in the I.R.P. agreement must have a valid home license plate and are to operate as follows.
- ii. They may travel through New Brunswick, drop off or pick-up goods for or from another jurisdiction.

- iii. If they wish to drop off and pick-up in New Brunswick, they must be commercially registered in New Brunswick or carry a New Brunswick special trip permit. Otherwise, the vehicle is in violation of Section 17(1) (a) of the Motor Vehicle Act and may be assessed a penalty of \$172.50. Before proceeding, they must either purchase a regular commercial plate or registration or purchase a New Brunswick special trip permit.

#### **K. Special Trip Permits**

The Special Trip Permit (Form 78-9358) is a temporary registration issued to a vehicle or combination of vehicles that occasionally makes trips into our province from participating jurisdictions and do not wish to register to I.R.P. or are registered to I.R.P. but did not register for New Brunswick as a host jurisdiction.

#### **L. Permits and costs are as follows:**

- i. \$24.00 unladen single or combination of vehicles  
(US vehicles only)
- ii. \$85.00 laden single vehicle
- iii. \$169.00 laden combination of vehicles

#### **M. Home Province:**

- i. The home province along with a registration certificate, which also indicates the other jurisdiction in which the vehicle has been prorated, issues a license plate(s). Some jurisdictions issue in addition to their home registration a separate cab card, which indicates the other jurisdiction that has been prorated. A vehicle, which qualifies as category "B" and wishes to operate intra-provincial in New Brunswick, must apply to the Prorate Office in Fredericton to be issued a cab card. Truck drivers wishing to obtain a New Brunswick Cab Card, may apply to:
- ii. Commercial Vehicle Registration IRP  
P. O. Box 1998  
Fredericton, New Brunswick  
E3B 5G4  
Telephone: (506) 453-2215  
Fax (506) 453-3076

## N. Piggy Back Operations

- i. If the leading vehicle has one or two units (trucks) piggyback and carries or displays a valid transporter or dealer plate or is prorated, they are allowed to proceed.

**Note:** vehicles displaying restricted plates such as dealer/transporter and farm plates are to be considered exempt only during piggy back operations.

- ii. If the leading vehicle has three units (trucks) piggy back and carry a valid transporter or dealer plate or is prorated for New Brunswick but does not carry a New Brunswick non- conforming configuration special permit for hauling three units piggy back, (total of 4 including leading vehicle), they are in violation. When a vehicle is over length or is of non- conforming configuration, they must contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure special permit office in Fredericton at (506) 453-2982 and apply for a non-configuration special permit before proceeding.
- iii. If the leading vehicle does not carry or display a transporter plate from a jurisdiction or does not carry a New Brunswick special permit, they are to apply for a transporter or dealer plate (if resident of New Brunswick) or purchase a New Brunswick special trip permit.
- iv. Dealer plates should normally be used only for unladen single vehicles or hauling an unladen unit such as an empty trailer or semi-trailer.

## O. Tow Trucks:

A tow truck hauling a vehicle in tow (trailing behind the tow truck) or hauling a vehicle suspended on a hook is to be considered a laden single vehicle as opposed to a combination of vehicles. The towed vehicle is considered to be the "load" in this case and NOT the vehicle.

## 3. Q & A:

**My trucking business is located outside of New Brunswick, what permits do I require to transport a load into New Brunswick?**

**Answer:** To be registered through the International Registration Plan (IRP) visit the Trucking and Transport section on the Service New Brunswick website, call (506) 453-2215 or send an e-mail to [snb@snb.ca](mailto:snb@snb.ca).



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If you do not have IRP plates, temporary vehicle registration is required to pass through New Brunswick using a commercial trip permit. This permit can be obtained from the following Permit Agencies: 730 Permit Services 1-613-657-1244, Altrans 1-905-563-545, B.i.M. Consulting 506-432-6840, Nova 1-800-567-7775, Permicom 1-800-463-4822, Permits Canada 1-800-361-5757. or the Department of Justice Public Safety, Highway Safety Enforcement, Stationary Scales.