MEMORANDUM

To: All Users of the Delaware Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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SUBJECT: Interim Guidance; Part 2, Signs

Section 2B.59 of the 2011 Delaware Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (DE MUTCD Revision 3) states:

Option:

03 To restrict trucks of certain sizes by reference to empty weight in residential areas, the legend may be NO TRUCKS OVER XX TONS EMPTY WT or NO TRUCKS OVER XX LBS EMPTY WT (R12-3).

03A (DE Revision) To restrict trucks of certain sizes by reference to the number of axles in residential areas, the legend may be NO TRUCKS OVER 2 AXLES EXCEPT LOCAL SERVICES (R12-3-DE).

05 (DE Revision) Posting of specific load limits may be accomplished by use of the Weight Limit symbol sign (R12-5 or R12-5-DE). A sign containing the legend WEIGHT LIMIT on the top two lines, and showing three (R12-5) or four (R12-5-DE) different truck symbols and their respective weight limits for which restrictions apply may be used, with the weight limits displayed to the right of each symbol as XX T. A bottom line of legend stating GROSS WT may be included if needed for enforcement purposes.

Accordingly, DelDOT is providing the following Option, Guidance, Standard and Support statements regarding the use of Weight Limit signs:

Option:

01 The alternate Weight Limit sign (see Figure 1) may be used in lieu of the approved Weight Limit sign (R12-3-DE).

Guidance:

02 If used, the Weight Limit sign with a supplemental NEXT LEFT, NEXT RIGHT, or AHEAD in addition to ON ROAD NAME plaques (see Figure 2) should be used at approach road intersections or other points where prohibited vehicles can detour or turn around.

Standard:

07 If used, the Weight Limit sign shall match the applicable roadway restriction.
Support:
08 Some typical restriction options are 2 axles, specific weight limits, gross vehicle weight, local services only, and residential services only.

Figure 1: Alternate Weight Limit Sign
Figure 2: Supplemental Plaques used with Alternate Weight Limit Sign