



ISSUE TYPE	Legislative (Federal)	KEY DATES	April 14, 2016 USDOT
AGENCY	Congress		Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study recommends no changes to federal truck size and weight limitations
STATUS	Active/Tracking		Nov. 27, 2018 TRB recommends areas for additional research to support truck size and weight regulations
DIVISION IMPACT	Rail, MC		May 29, 2020 82 Members of Congress sign letter opposing any increase to Interstate truck size and weight limits
INTERESTED PARTIES	AAR, ATA, OOIDA, Coalition for Transp. Productivity (CTP), Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT), Coalition for Efficient Responsible Trucking, Public Citizen, Americans for Modern Transportation (AMT)	MOST RECENT ACTION	June, 2020 Study commissioned by CABT finds increased truck size and weight would reduce intermodal and railroad traffic by up to 58 percent

Summary

In 1991, Congress froze truck size and weight limits on federal highways. Trucks traveling on Interstate highways are limited to gross vehicle weights of 80,000 pounds though state permits may be obtained for special movements. Truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combinations are restricted to 28.5 feet and truck tractor-semitrailer combinations are capped at 48 feet, unless

through previously passed legislation.

The 2012 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act directed the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT

