

# FACT SHEET

## Implements of Husbandry

### PURPOSE

This fact sheet explains implements of husbandry vehicles and their operating requirements.

### PENNSYLVANIA VEHICLE CODE SECTIONS:

102, 1922, 2105(a)(6), 4303(e), 4307(e), 4502(d), 4529(a), 4534, 4535(c), 4536, 4703(b)(2), 4905(e), 4921(b)(1, 2, 2.1, 2.2 & 5)

### DEFINITION

*Farm Equipment* – A vehicle that is specifically designed and manufactured for and used exclusively in agriculture to plant, seed, cultivate, harvest or apply nutrients, fertilizers or chemicals. The term also includes any other vehicle determined by the Department to be farm equipment.

*Implements of Husbandry* – Farm equipment that meets all of the following criteria:

- 1) Is equipped with pneumatic tires except if prohibited by religious beliefs,
- 2) Is infrequently operated or moved upon highways;
- 3) Is used in agriculture for any of the following purposes:
  - a) Performance of agriculture production or harvesting activities for the farmer's agricultural operations; or,
  - b) Transportation of agricultural products or agricultural supplies for the benefit of the farmer's agricultural operations.

**NOTE:** The term also includes earthmoving equipment and any other vehicle determined by PennDOT to be an implement of husbandry.

### SIZE LIMITATIONS

Generally, no wider than 8 feet. If used between sunrise and sunset, may be 12 feet wide if used to haul crops or nutrients on highways other than freeways.

Any implement of husbandry not exceeding 14 feet 6 inches in width may be driven, hauled or towed without any restriction as to time on highways other than freeways in accordance with the following:

- 1) May be driven, hauled or towed within 50 miles of any farm owned or operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry.
- 2) May be driven, hauled or towed between;
  - a) Farms; or
  - b) A farm owned or operated by a farmer and a place of business of a mechanic or dealer in implements of husbandry, located not more than 150 miles away for the purpose of buying, selling, trading, loaning and leasing, demonstrating, repairing or servicing the implement of husbandry.

When driven, hauled or towed between sunset and sunrise, the implement of husbandry shall have and operate at least one flashing or revolving yellow light or strobe light, which shall be mounted to provide visibility to vehicles approaching from any direction (360° visibility) regardless of the method of mounting and hazard signals.

Any oversize implement of husbandry, exceeding 14 feet 6 inches and not exceeding 16 feet in width, may be driven, hauled or towed on highways other than freeways between sunrise and sunset if the implement of husbandry is covered by financial responsibility, is preceded by a vehicle that is continuously operating hazard signal lamps and displays an "oversize load" sign on the front of the vehicle. The implement of husbandry shall have and operate at least one flashing or revolving yellow light or yellow strobe light, which shall be mounted to provide visibility to vehicles approaching from any direction (360° visibility). An oversize implement of husbandry may be operated under this paragraph as follows:

- 1) Within 50 miles of any farm owned or operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry;
- 2) Between:
  - a) Farms; or,
  - b) A farm owned or operated by a farmer and a place of business of a mechanic or dealer in implements of husbandry, located not more than 150 miles away for the purpose of buying, selling, trading, loaning and leasing, demonstrating, repairing or servicing the implement of husbandry.

Any implement of husbandry, exceeding 14 feet 6 inches and not exceeding 16 feet in width, may be driven, hauled or towed between sunset and sunrise within 25 miles of any farm owned or operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry if all of the following are met:

- 1) It is equipped with reflective edgemarks or lights to identify the outermost edges of the rear and front of the implement that are visible from the front, the rear and, as is practicable, from each side;
- 2) It shall have and operate at least one flashing or revolving yellow light or yellow strobe light which shall be mounted to provide visibility to vehicles approaching from any direction (360° visibility) regardless of the method of mounting and hazard signal lamps;
- 3) It is not driven, hauled or towed at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour;
- 4) It is driven, hauled or towed by a person who is at least 18 years of age;
- 5) It is followed by a vehicle that is displaying an "Oversize Load" sign on the rear of the vehicle and is operating continuously activated hazard signal lamps; and,
- 6) It is covered by the minimum levels of liability insurance coverage on the vehicle as are required to be maintained under Chapter 17 (relating to financial responsibility) by owners of registered motor vehicles. The requirement of this subchapter shall be met if the minimum amounts of liability insurance coverage for the implement of husbandry have been provided under farm liability coverage maintained generally by the owner. Coverage prescribed under Subchapter B of Chapter 17 (relating to motor vehicle liability insurance first party benefits) shall not be required to be maintained or provided for the implement of husbandry.

## **INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

None

## **PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

None

## **REGISTRATION**

Fee: For a complete listing of registration fees, refer to Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees," found on our website at [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov).

The applicant may be eligible to renew their motor vehicle for either a one-year or two-year registration period. Both registration periods and the required fees are provided on the registration renewal form. NOTE: If the fee listed in the "2-yr. fee" block on the registration renewal form, is "N/A," the motor vehicle type is not eligible to renew for a two-year period.

**NOTE:** Implements of husbandry registration plates may be personalized for an additional fee of \$100. To check personalized registration plate availability, visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov), and select the Plate Availability from the list of services under the Online Services heading.

Forms: MV-1 or MV-4ST  
MV-190A  
Photos Required

**NOTE:** In order for vehicles to be listed as implements of husbandry, they must qualify as a piece of farm equipment.