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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the standardization of truck traffic signs (your file #C16-005). I have been asked to respond on behalf of the ministry and apologize for the delay.

The ministry has standards for truck traffic signage; however, municipalities in Ontario are responsible for selecting and restricting truck routes on their local roads.

Some truck traffic signs are included in Regulation 615: Signs of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA). For example, when restricting heavy trucks from a particular route, all jurisdictions in Ontario must use the No Heavy Truck sign in the regulation. The regulation can be found at: www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900615#BK11.

The ministry also provides guidance on truck traffic signs in the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 5 – Regulatory Signs. OTM Book 5 provides detailed information including the purpose, background, sign types, guidelines for use, location criteria, legal status, sheeting requirements and special considerations for the permissive truck signs (Rb-61) and truck restriction signs (Rb-62). These signs are used by the province and municipal jurisdictions to guide truck traffic to use a specific route or restrict truck traffic from routes within a community. The information provided in OTM Book 5 is consistent with the Transportation Association of Canada's Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TAC MUTCD) and the Highway Traffic Act (HTA).

Should you require further information regarding truck control signs, please advise city staff to contact Roger De Gannes, Head, Traffic Operations at (905) 704-2960 for further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Director