

FACT SHEET

Commercial Implements of Husbandry

PURPOSE

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

PENNSYLVANIA VEHICLE CODE SECTIONS

102, 1933, 2105(a)(10), 4303(e), 4502(d), 4529(a), 4534, 4535(c), 4536, 4921(a), 4921(b)(6)

DEFINITION

A commercial implement of husbandry is an implement of husbandry that:

- (1) is a self-propelled vehicle; and,
- (2) is used to perform agricultural production or harvesting activities exclusively on farms other than farms owned or operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry.

The term also includes any other vehicle determined by PennDOT to be a commercial implement of husbandry.

USE

Used to perform agricultural production or harvesting activities exclusively on farms other than farms owned and operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry.

LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS

A commercial implement of husbandry operated exclusively between the hours of sunrise and sunset and not during periods of reduced visibility or insufficient illumination are exempted from lighting requirements. Otherwise, the vehicle must meet all general lighting inspection requirements. Vehicular hazard signal lamps must be used when the vehicle is traveling below the speed limit on any highway if the vehicle is not equipped with a rear bumper.

SIZE LIMITATIONS

Generally, no wider than 8 feet 6 inches. If driven, hauled or towed between sunrise and sunset on highways other than freeways, vehicle may be 12 feet in width including wheels and tires.

INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Commercial Implement of Husbandry with a truck body type – annual inspection required
- Registered 17,000 lbs. and under - annual inspection required
- Registered 17,001 lbs. and over - semi-annual inspection required
- Commercial Implement of Husbandry with Implement of Husbandry body type – exempt from inspection requirements

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

None

REGISTRATION

Fees: Please refer to [Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees,"](#) found on our website at www.dmv.pa.gov.

December 2018

- over -

NOTE: Commercial implements of husbandry registration plates may be personalized for an additional fee. To check personalized registration plate availability, visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, www.dmv.pa.gov and select the Plate Availability link from the list of services under the Online Services heading.

Forms: MV-1 or MV-4ST/[MV-44](#)
[MV-190](#)

Photos Required

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