

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**Bureau of Land Recycling and Waste Management**

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**Title:** Act 90 Waste Transportation Safety Program (WTSP) Placarded Authorizations

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**Authority:** This document is established in accordance with the Act of July 7, 1980, as amended, 35 *P.S.* Section 6018.101-6018.1003, known as the Solid Waste Management Act; the Act of June 29, 2002, 27 *Pa. C.S.* Sections 6201-6209, known as the Waste Transportation Safety Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

**Policy:** The Department will issue interim and final authorizations only to demonstrator vehicles, vehicles under rental/short-term lease, or utilized for temporary storage and intermodal transportation vehicles to allow these vehicles to continue in commerce. Placarded Authorizations will be issued to the owners of these vehicles for placement on movable placards. This procedure will allow for these types of vehicles to be authorized under the Waste Transportation Safety Act (Act 90) if the Department approves the owner's application. Under Act 90, all other owners of waste transportation vehicles must permanently affix authorizations directly to the surface of the vehicle.

**Purpose:** This guidance establishes procedures for owners of demonstrator vehicles, vehicles under rental/short-term leases, or utilized for temporary storage and intermodal transportation vehicles to obtain an authorization from the Department. Because certain business practices conflict with existing WTSP processes, it may be impractical, improbable and, in some cases, impossible for owners or operators of these vehicles to obtain and possess a separate authorization for each vehicle that may be used to transport waste.

**Applicability:** This guidance is applicable to:

1. Transporters who regularly transport municipal and residual waste contained in rail or sea intermodal containers to a processing or disposal facility in the Commonwealth;
2. Manufacturers or dealers of demonstrator vehicles that are regularly used to transport municipal or residual waste to a processing or disposal facility in the Commonwealth;
3. Rental or leasing companies that rent or lease waste transportation vehicles for a short term;
4. Transporters that utilize vehicles for temporary storage.

**Disclaimer:** The policy and procedures outlined in this guidance are intended to supplement existing requirements. Nothing in the policies or procedures shall effect regulatory requirements. The policies and procedures herein are not an adjudication or regulation. There is no intent on the part of DEP to give the rules in these policies that weight or deference. This document establishes the framework within which DEP will exercise its administrative discretion in the

future. DEP reserves the discretion to deviate from this policy statement if circumstances warrant.

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**Definitions:**

**Demonstrator vehicle** – a vehicle owned by a manufacturer or dealer used to demonstrate the performance of the vehicle to prospective purchasers that do not have a dealer registration plate or a fleet owner transporter registration plate. To be used for commercial purposes, demonstrator vehicles must display a registration plate that has been specifically assigned to that vehicle or a “Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business” registration plate.

**Intermodal container** – a container previously transported by rail or sea, requiring a power unit and sometimes a trailer to transport on public roads.

**Short-term lease or rental** – leases or rentals for a term less than three months.

**VIN** – vehicle identification number.

**Process:**

Applicants must:

- 1) Request placarded authorizations on a form prescribed by the Department,
- 2) Identify the application as a placarded authorization,
- 3) Provide a description of the need for a placarded authorization and what impediments a non-placarded authorization poses upon their business,
- 4) Submit a copy of the base state registration, certificate of insurance and affidavit that the vehicles have been inspected,
- 5) Identify the number of placarded authorizations by vehicle type, and
- 6) Submit the appropriate fees.
- 7) Owners of motor carrier vehicles and waste trailers that rent or lease their vehicles and manufacturers or dealers of demonstrator vehicles must provide the Department with a list of the vehicles by VIN that would be offered for use to transport waste, preferably in an electronic file.

Placarded authorizations may be transferred to any vehicle that has been identified to the Department by VIN in the application, unless the authorization has been revoked, suspended, modified or expired. Placarded authorization stickers will be issued specifically for trucks and truck tractor/trailer combinations and are not interchangeable unless the fee has been paid for a truck or truck tractor/trailer combination. For instance, applicants may not transfer a sticker from a tractor to a truck or truck/trailer combination without paying the additional fee of \$50.

Placarded authorization stickers are to be permanently affixed to a movable placard. Authorization letters will identify the conditions of the authorization but will not contain VIN(s) for each vehicle, except for demonstrator vehicles. Prior to using the placarded authorization, the owner of the vehicle must notify the Department by fax (717-787-1749) or e-mail (ssloan@state.pa.us) of the type of vehicle, VIN, sticker ID number (PADEPxxxxx) and duration of placarded authorization usage for each identified vehicle by VIN(s).

The Department will maintain a listing of issued placarded authorizations with applicable sticker identification numbers.