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## **OHIO WEIGHT LAW FACT SHEET**

This Fact Sheet summarizes a recent change in Ohio Weight law as it pertains to many OAIMA members and many users of construction materials and related products. Please feel free to distribute as needed.

As of July 27, 2011, Ohio Law allows for a 7 ½ % variance for gross vehicle weight and a 7 ½% variance for wheel and axle weights for the following vehicles:

### **Vehicles included per Section 5577.043 of the Ohio Revised Code:**

- 1) A surface mining truck transporting minerals from the place where the minerals are loaded to any of the following:
  - a. The construction site where the materials are discharged;
  - b. The place where the title to the minerals is transferred;
  - c. The place of processing.
- 2) A vehicle transporting hot mix asphalt material from the place where the material is first mixed to the paving site where the material is discharged;
- 3) A vehicle transporting concrete from the place where the material is first mixed to the site where the material is discharged;
- 4) A vehicle transporting manure, turf, sod or silage from the site where the material is first produced to the first place of delivery.
- 5) A vehicle transporting chips, sawdust, mulch, bark, pulpwood, biomass, or firewood from the site where the product is first produced or harvested to the first point where the product is transferred.

### **Gross Weight Variance – 7 ½ %**

Section 5577.043 of the Ohio Revised Code states that the vehicles listed above “**may exceed by no more than seven and one-half per cent the weight provisions of sections 5577.01 to 5577.09 and no penalty prescribed in section 5577.99 of the Revised Code shall be imposed**”. (Emphasis added)

### **Wheel and Axle load limit variance – 7 ½%**

Section 5577.043(B) further states that if these vehicles “**do not exceed by more than seven and one-half per cent the gross vehicle weight provisions of sections 5577.01 to 5577.09 of the Revised Code and do not exceed the wheel or axle load limits of those sections by more than seven and one-half per cent, no penalty prescribed in section 5577.99 of the Ohio Revised Code for a wheel or axle overload shall be imposed.**” (Emphasis added)

NOTE: The above provisions do not apply to a highway that is part of the interstate system or a highway road or bridge that is subject to reduced maximum weights as noted in the Ohio Revised Code. For additional road designation information see the Ohio Truckers Guide at: <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/2010TDGB.pdf>

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