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# Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Commonwealth Transportation Board
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	24VAC30-580
Regulation title	Guidelines for Considering Requests for Restricting Through Trucks on Primary and Secondary Highways
Action title	Amend
Final agency action date	12-11-2019
Date this document prepared	12-13-2019

While a regulatory action may be exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the *Code of Virginia*, the agency is still encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form. However, the agency may still be required to comply with the Virginia Register Act, Executive Order 14 (as amended, July 16, 2018), the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC7-10), and the *Virginia Register Form, Style, and Procedure Manual for Publication of Virginia Regulations*.

#### **Brief Summary**

Please provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

This regulation specifies the criteria and procedures by which a prohibition or restriction on through truck traffic may be established as provided under § 46.2-809. Section 46.2-809 authorizes the CTB to delegate this authority to a designee, which it has done in this regulation by delegating the authority to impose such through truck restrictions to the Commissioner of Highways on secondary highways after consideration of certain criteria. The CTB retains this authority on primary highways. In order to streamline the process, the CTB suggests amending the regulation to allow VDOT District Administrators/Engineers to deny requests without

presenting those requests to the Commissioner of Highways or CTB, respectively, only where the request clearly and objectively does not meet the required criteria.

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#### **Mandate and Impetus**

Please identify the mandate for this regulatory change, and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, board decision, etc.). "Mandate" is defined as "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."

This regulatory change was identified upon the conclusion of a periodic review of the regulation.

### **Statement of Final Agency Action**

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board adopted a resolution on December 11, 2019, supporting the amendment of 24 VAC 30-580, Guidelines for Considering Requests for Restricting Through Trucks on Primary and Secondary Highways, to allow VDOT District Administrators/Engineers to deny requests without presenting those requests to the Commissioner of Highways or CTB, respectively, only where the request clearly and objectively does not meet the required criteria.

## Periodic Review Small Business Impact Review Report of Findings

If you are using this form to report the result of a periodic review/small business impact review that is being conducted as part of this regulatory action, and was announced during the proposed stage, please indicate whether the regulatory change meets the criteria set out in Executive Order 14 (as amended, July 16, 2018), e.g., is necessary for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare; minimizes the economic impact on small businesses consistent with the stated objectives of applicable law; and is clearly written and easily understandable.

In addition, as required by § 2.2-4007.1 E and F of the Code of Virginia, include a discussion of the agency's consideration of: (1) the continued need for the regulation; (2) the nature of complaints or comments received concerning the regulation from the public; (3) the complexity of the regulation; (4) the extent to the which the regulation overlaps, duplicates, or conflicts with federal or state law or regulation; and (5) the length of time since the regulation has been evaluated or the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the area affected by the regulation.

Retaining and amending the regulation does not impact small businesses. The regulation is not complex, nor does it duplicate or conflict with federal or state laws. The regulation was adopted in 2003, and has not been amended since.