

Cabinet Decree No. 138 of 2023 Concerning
The Weights and Dimensions of Heavy Vehicles
&
Administrative Penalties for Violations

The Cabinet:

- ❖ Having cognizance of the Constitution.
- ❖ Federal Law No. 1 of 1972 On the Jurisdictions of the Ministries and the Powers of the Ministers, as amended.
- ❖ Federal Law No. 21 of 1995 On Road and Traffic, as amended,
- ❖ Federal Law No. 14 of 2016 On Administrative Violations and Penalties in the Federal Government,
- ❖ Federal Law No. 12 of 2023 concerning the Weights and Dimensions of Heavy Vehicles,
- ❖ Acting upon the proposal of the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure and Cabinet's approval.

Decided:

Article (1)

Definitions

In the application of the provisions of this decree, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned thereto unless the context requires otherwise:

State

The United Arab Emirates.

Ministry	The Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure.
Minister	The Minister of Energy and Infrastructure.
Competent Authority	The federal or local authorities having the competence to issue vehicle licences, to manage the road network and its component bridges and tunnels, or manage the traffic.
Heavy Vehicle	Any means of road transport intended for the transport of goods with an unladen weight exceeding 2.5 tons (two and a half tons), excluding means of transport intended to run on railways.
Load	Goods, commodities, or loads of different descriptions and types.
Truck head	Motorized mechanical machine designed to tow a trailer or a semi-trailer.
Semi-trailer	A trailer without a front axle and is attached such that a large part of its weight and of the weight of its load is carried by the tractor or

mechanical vehicle.

Trailer

A vehicle designed to be attached to a motor vehicle or a tractor.

Tractor

A self-propelled vehicle designed to tow or drive trailers, tools, or machines.

**Heavy Vehicles
Overall Height**

Vertical distance from the road surface to the highest point of the heavy vehicle.

**Heavy Vehicle Overall
Width**

The horizontal distance measured perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the heavy vehicle between the most protruding parts on both sides excluding mirrors, direction indicators, and corner lights but including any installations designed to increase its carrying capacity.

Single Axle

An axle that is separate from other axles or having a distance of not less than two metres (2.0) between it and other axles in the axle group.

Tandem Axle

A group of interconnected axles, each of which has a distance of not less than one metre and not more than two metres (2.0).

Weighing Station

A fixed or mobile station equipped with the tools and equipment necessary to monitor the compliance of heavy vehicles with the weights specified hereunder.

Single Trip

Journey carried out by the heavy vehicle within the geographical zone overseen by the Ministry or by the Competent Authority, within a period not exceeding twenty-four (24) hours.

Article (2)**Weights and Dimensions Tables**

- (1) The maximum gross and axle weights of heavy vehicles specified in Table (1) and Table (2) of Appendix (1) of this decree, may not be exceeded.
- (2) The maximum dimensions of heavy vehicles specified in Table (3) of Appendix (1) attached to this decree, may not be exceeded.

Article (3)**Controls for loads that are not easily divisible**

- (1) As an exception to the provisions of Article (2) of this decree, a heavy vehicle may exceed the maximum weights and dimensions in cases of loads that are not easily divisible in order to conform with the weights and

dimensions specified in Appendix (1) of this decree under a transportation permit issued by the Ministry, or by the Competent Authority, according to the following controls:

- (a) Absence of practical alternatives for transporting the load.
- (b) Absence of impact on infrastructure or road user safety.
- (c) Specification of the appropriate permit period to complete the transport operation.
- (d) Any other controls defined by the Ministry or by the Competent Authority.

(2) The application for the transportation permit for the load, referred to in Clause (1) hereof, shall be submitted to the Ministry, or to the Competent Authority together with the documents supporting the veracity of the information contained in the application.

(3) The Minister, or the Head of Competent Authority, shall specify the requirements and procedures for the issuance of the load transportation permit, referred to in Paragraph (a) of Clause (1) hereof, on roads falling within their respective scope of authority and responsibility.

Article (4)

Violations and Penalties

- (1) Without prejudice to any administrative penalties stipulated in any another legislation, the Minister, the Head of the Competent Authority, or those authorized by either of them may impose the administrative fines for violations specified in Appendix (2) of this decree on the violating heavy vehicles .
- (2) Neither the Ministry nor the Competent Authority may impose more than one fine for the same violation if it is committed during a single trip, even if the said violation is detected more than once.
- (3) In case of committing a violating the maximum gross weight specified in Table (1) of Appendix (1) attached to this decree and violating the maximum axle weight specified in Table (2) of the said Appendix during the same trip, the fine with the highest value shall be imposed.
- (4) In case of a repeat violation of any of the violations specified in Clauses (1) to (6) of Appendix (2) of this decree within one month, or where the value of the fines that are have not been paid for the committed violations exceeds Dhs. 45,000 (Forty-Five Thousand Dirhams), the Competent Authority may impound the heavy vehicle, or prevent it from using the roads for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days. The Competent Authority may set aside the impounding penalty against the owner of the heavy vehicle in return for the payment of a fine not exceeding Dhs. 200 (Two Hundred Dirhams) for each imposed impounding day, contingent on the payment of the unpaid fines against the committed violations.

Article (5)

Grievance

Concerned and interested parties may appeal to the Minister, to the Head of Competent Authority or to those authorised by them, against any decision or action taken against them within fifteen (15) days from the date of being notified of the said decision or action, provided that such grievance is made in writing, is reasoned and is accompanied with all the supporting documents. The grievance shall be decided upon within thirty (30) days of its submission date and in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Ministry or the Competent Authority.

Article (6)

Collection of Fines

The Competent Authority shall collect the administrative fines resulting from violating the provisions of this decree using the means stipulated in the legislation in force. The amount of the collected fines shall be assigned to the authority that manages the road network and its components.

Article (7)

Executive Decisions

The Minister, or the Head of Competent Authority, shall issue the resolutions required to implement the provisions of this decree.

Article (8)

Repeals

Any provision that is contrary to or in conflict with the provisions of this decree is hereby repealed.

Article (9)

Publication of the Decree and Its Entry into Force

This decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and come into force on 01/02/2024.

The original signed by:

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum

The Prime Minister

Issued by us on:

16 Jamada Al Akhira 1445 A.H.

Corresponding to: 29 December 2023

Appendix (1)

Tables of Gross, Axial Weights and Maximum Dimensions

Attached to the Cabinet Decree No. 138 of 2023

Table (1):		
Maximum Permissible Gross Weights for Heavy Vehicles		
Sr.	Number of Vehicle Axles	Maximum Gross Weight
1.	Heavy vehicle with two axles	21 Tons
2.	Heavy vehicle with three axles	34 Tons
3.	Heavy vehicle with four axles	45 Tons
4.	Heavy vehicle with five axles	56 Tons
5.	A heavy vehicle with six axles or more	65 Tons

Table (2):		
Maximum Permissible Gross Weights for an Axle or Group of Axles in Heavy Vehicles		
Sr.	Type of the Axle	Maximum Axle Weight
1.	Single steerable axle	8 Tons
2.	Single non-steerable axle	13 Tons
3.	Double tandem axle	26 Tons
4.	Triple tandem axel	33 Tons

5.	Quadruple tandem axle	33 Tons		
Table (3)				
Maximum Dimensions of Heavy Vehicles				
Sr.	Type of Heavy Vehicle	Overall Length of Heavy Vehicle	Overall Width of Heavy Vehicle	Overall Height of Heavy Vehicle
1.	Single Heavy Vehicle (Integrated)	12.5 Metre	2.6 Metre	4.6 Metre
2.	Truck Head and semi-trailer	21 Metre	2.6 Metre	4.6 Metre
3.	Truck Head, Trailer and Semi-trailer	28 Metre	2.6 Metre	4.6 Metre
4.	Heavy Vehicle carrying small vehicles	23 Metre	2.6 Metre	4.75 Metre

Appendix (2)

Violations and Fines attached to the Cabinet Decree No. 138 of 2023

Sr.	Violation	Administrative Fine
1.	Heavy vehicle exceeding the maximum gross weight by less than 10% of the weight during a single trip.	Dhs. 400 (Four Hundred Dirhams) for each ton or part thereof.
2.	Heavy vehicle exceeding the maximum gross weight by 10% to 20% of the weight during a single trip.	Dhs. 500 (Five Hundred Dirhams) for each ton or part thereof.
3.	Heavy vehicle exceeding the maximum gross weight by more than 20% of the weight during a single trip.	Dhs. 600 (Six Hundred Dirhams) for each ton or part thereof, limited to a maximum of Dhs. 15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dirhams).
4.	Axle weight exceeding the maximum specified in Table (2) of Appendix (1) attached to this Decree.	Dhs. 1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dirhams) for each single axle, or group of tandem axes in a single trip.
5.	Exceeding any of the maximum dimensions specified in Table (3) of Appendix (1) attached to this	Dhs. 3,000 (Three Thousand Dirhams) in a single trip.

Sr.	Violation	Administrative Fine
	Decree.	
6.	Intentional evasion of weight stations or monitoring sites.	Dhs. 5,000 (Five Thousand Dirhams).
7.	Non-compliance with the controls of transportation permits for loads that not easily divisible.	Dhs. 5,000 (Five Thousand Dirhams) in a single trip.
8.	Submission of incorrect information on the application for a transportation permits for loads that not easily divisible.	Dhs. 5,000 (Five Thousand Dirhams)
9.	Non-compliance with the instructions of the authorized person.	Dhs. 2,500 (Two Thousand five hundred Dirhams)