

7425.6000 TRAILER, SEMITRAILER TOWING DEVICES; INCORPORATIONS BY REFERENCE.

Subpart 1. **Federally regulated towing devices.** Federally regulated towing devices must comply with the requirements in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 393.70 or 393.71 (1983) which are both incorporated by reference, as applicable according to the towing method.

Subp. 2. **Nonfederally regulated towing devices.** Nonfederally regulated towing devices must comply with the performance, identification, and installation requirements of the regulations in item A, B, or C which are all incorporated by reference, as applicable according to the vehicle type and weight and the towing method.

A. Hitches and couplings for trailers and semitrailers with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less must comply with the requirements in VESC regulation V-5, "Minimum Requirements for Motor Vehicle Connecting Devices and Towing Methods," revised July 1977, Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission (Washington, D.C., 1977), which is hereby incorporated by reference. VESC regulation V-5 is available through the Minitex interlibrary loan system. It is not subject to frequent change.

B. Towbars and fifth wheel connecting devices for semitrailers with a gross vehicle weight rating of 30,000 pounds or less and towbar connections not covered by VESC regulation V-5 must comply with the requirement in VESC regulation VESC-19, "Performance Requirements for Fifth Wheel Vehicle Connecting Devices and Towing Methods," approved July 1980 by the VESC-19 Committee, Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission (Alexandria, VA, 1980), which is hereby incorporated by reference. VESC regulation VESC-19 is available through the Minitex interlibrary loan system. It is not subject to frequent change.

C. Towing devices not covered by VESC regulation VESC-19 or V-5 must comply with the requirements in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 393.70 or 393.71 (1983), incorporated by reference in subpart 1.

Subp. 3. **Towing devices.** Towing devices are not required to be registered or certified. Devices that comply with subpart 1 or 2 are approved by the commissioner. No other towing devices are approved.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 169.468; 169.82*

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