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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Regulation  
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## Department of Motor Vehicles

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### Camp Trailers

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Section 1. The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding Section 14-137-123 as follows:

(NEW) Sec. 14-137-123. Definitions

As used in sections 14-137-123 and 14-137-124 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

- (1) "Fifth wheel" shall have the same meaning as provided in 49 CFR 393.5, as amended;
- (2) "Trailer" includes boat trailers, camp trailers, commercial trailers, full trailers, pole trailers, semi trailers, trailers, and utility trailers as each is defined in section 14-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended; and
- (3) "Trailer hitch or coupling" means the device that is used to securely attach the trailer to the towing vehicle.

(NEW) Sec. 14-137-124. Towing of trailers

(a) Every trailer hitch or coupling, used as a means of attaching a trailer to the towing vehicle, shall be properly and securely mounted, be structurally adequate and properly rated for the weight drawn. In addition to the trailer hitch or coupling, every trailer, with the exception of a semitrailer drawn by a tractor or truck-tractor by means of a fifth wheel, shall be connected to the frame of the towing vehicle by means of a safety chain, chains, cables or equivalent safety device which shall be of sufficient strength to control the trailer in the event of a failure of the regular trailer hitch or coupling. Every trailer while being drawn upon the public highways shall be so attached to the vehicle drawing such trailer as to prevent the wheels of said trailer from being deflected more than six inches from the path of the towing vehicle's wheels.

(b) Each motor vehicle used for towing a trailer shall be equipped with two external mirrors, so located and adjusted on such vehicle as to give the operator thereof a clear reflected view of the highway directly to the rear of or on a line parallel to the left and right sides of the body of such motor vehicle.

Sec. 2. Sections 14-1-1, 14-1-2, 14-1-6, and 14-1-7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are repealed.

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### **Statement of Purpose:**

#### Purpose:

The current regulations regarding trailers are limited to “camp trailer” and are found in the regulation sections that will be repealed in this amendment. These regulation sections will reflect current practices and apply to current types of trailers. The current regulations are both outdated and have not been review or amended in twenty years. Lastly, this amendment will make Connecticut’s regulation of this subject matter consistent with current federal law.

#### Summary of Main Provisions:

Section 14-137-123 defines the words “fifth wheel,” “trailer,” and “ trailer hitch or coupling.” “Fifth wheel” is defined so as to have the same meaning as in 49 CFR 393.5. “Trailer” is defined so as to include numerous types, each of which is defined in 14-1 C.G.S. “Trailer hitch or coupling” is defined to include the device that secures the trailer to the towing vehicle.

Section 14-137-124 (a) requires that: a trailer hitch must be securely mounted and properly rated for the trailer attached to it; a trailer must have a safety chain, or other device, intended to control the trailer in event of a trailer hitch failure; and a trailer must be attached to the towing vehicle in a way which insures that the trailer will not deflect more than six inches from the path of the towing vehicle.

Section 14-137-124 (b) requires that: each motor vehicle towing a trailer must be equipped with two mirrors designed to give the operator of the vehicle a clear reflected view of the rear.

Current regulations regarding “camp trailers” are repealed in their entirety.

#### Legal Effects of the Regulation:

The proposed regulation will directly apply to a greater number and more types of trailers than the current regulations. Therefore, enforcement will be available to protect the motoring public from a greater number of potential hazards.

Be it known that the foregoing:

Regulations     Emergency Regulations are:  
 Adopted         Amended as hereinabove stated     Repealed

By the aforesaid agency pursuant to:

Section 14-137 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 14- of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section    of Public Act. No.    of the Public Acts.

Public Act. No.        of the Public Acts.

After publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on       , 2009 of the notice of the proposal to:

Adopt     Amend     Repeal    such regulations

(If applicable):  And the holding of an advertised public hearing on    day of    2009.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing regulations are hereby:

Adopted     Amended as hereinabove stated         Repealed

Effective:

When filed with the Secretary of the State.

(OR)

The        day of        2009.

In Witness Whereof:	Date	SIGNED (Head of Board, Agency or Commission)	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED
			COMMISSIONER
Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Sec. 4-169, as amended, C.G.S.:		SIGNED	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED

Approved

Disapproved

Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)

Rejected without prejudice.

The Legislative Review Committee in accordance with Sec. 4-170, as amended, of the Connecticut General Statutes	DATE	SIGNED (Clerk of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee)
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DATE	SIGNED (Secretary of the State)	BY
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One copy of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the Attorney General for his determination of legal sufficiency. Section 4-169 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Seventeen copies of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the standing Legislative Regulation Review Committee for its approval. Section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Each regulation must be in the form intended for publication and must include the appropriate regulation section number and section heading. Section 4-172 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Indicate by "(NEW)" in heading if new regulation. Amended regulations must contain new language in underlined and deleted language in brackets. Section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes.