

## Harvest Season Permit (HSP)

### Notes on Filling Out the ITAP Form

Applicants who are first-time users of ITAP (Illinois Truck Automated Permit system) find some of the questions asked on the HSP form to be somewhat cryptic and less than intuitive. Here are some of the most-often misunderstood requests for information on that form.

- **Actual Gross Weight:**
  - This is the intended combined weight of the permitted truck with its load.
  - For a five-axle semi, this would normally be 88,000 pounds (not the 80,000-pound standard weight for that vehicle).
  - Though some loads might be less than 88,000 pounds, there's no need to lower that gross weight estimate for those loads. The permit remains valid so long as the weight is equal to or less than that permitted weight.
  
- **Method of Movement:**
  - The options offered are “Loaded” or “Self Propelled”
  - Those terms are in reference to what it is that creates the need for a permit;
    - is it the cargo that is loaded? ...or
    - is it the vehicle itself?
  - For this HSP you will choose “Loaded.”
  
- **Axle Weight**
  - For a five-axle semi to reach the allowable 88,000-pound gross weight, individual and tandem axle weights will need to take full advantage of the 10 percent overweights allowed by the permit.
  - Tandems—normally allowed to carry 34,000 pounds—will each need to carry, instead, 37,400 pounds.
  - The steer axle would have to carry 13,200 pounds. Before doing so, check your individual axle ratings.
  - Check your tire ratings. This permit does not allow you to exceed the tire manufacture’s weight rating.
  
- **Axle Spacing**
  - The means of making these measurements is best illustrated in IDOT’s pdf reference guide.

Axle #:	1	2	3	4	5
Weights:					
Spacings:					

- The first measurement is from the center of Axle #1 to the center of Axle #2. The next, from Axle #2 to Axle #3. Continue that process through each pair of two consecutive axles.
- You will need to record each distance in feet and inches.