

# UTV REQUIRMENTS FOR SPECIAL COMMERCIAL PLATES/ROAD USE

## TITLE XXI

### MOTOR VEHICLES

**259:2-a Agricultural/Industrial Utility Vehicle.** – "Agricultural/industrial utility vehicle" shall mean a vehicle, including an off highway recreational vehicle, with 4 or 6 wheels, an internal combustion engine or electric motor, or both, but excluding a tractor, equipped in accordance with the provisions of RSA 261:41-a, III, that is capable of carrying not more than 6 occupants, has a load capacity of 1,500 pounds or less, and **is in use for farming, agricultural, or light industrial uses**, and is limited to **ways or portions of ways where such vehicles are allowed and having posted speed limits of 40 miles per hour or less, within a 10 mile radius from an entrance to land used by the farm or a 2 mile radius from the entrance to the light industrial complex or construction site**, and subject to any other special conditions established by the government authority controlling the way.

#### **261:41-a Registration, Equipment, and Inspection of Vehicles; Exemption for Utility Vehicles.** –

- I. An agricultural/industrial utility vehicle, as defined in RSA 259:2-a, if operated upon a way shall be registered as provided in RSA 261:141, III(dd).
- II. Any agricultural/industrial utility vehicle, as defined in RSA 259:2-a, shall be exempt from inspection under RSA 266:1, but **shall be subject to inspection by a law enforcement officer at any time when being operated on a way**. Any person operating such a vehicle on a way **shall hold a valid driver's license**.
- III. When operated on a way for purposes other than crossing the way for trail access, any agricultural/industrial utility vehicle, as defined in RSA 259:2-a, shall be equipped in accordance with the provisions of RSA 215-A:14 and in addition **shall be equipped with at least one red reflex reflector on the left rear if operated during the hours of darkness; an interior or exterior mirror; a vehicle**

**identification number that conforms to federal requirements; seatbelts installed at each designated seating position if originally so equipped; an intact windshield if originally so equipped; and tires inflated to cold inflation pressure not more than the maximum permissible pressure molded on the sidewall. Such vehicle shall also be equipped with a slow moving vehicle emblem to the rear and may be equipped in addition with an amber flashing or rotating light.**

IV. A motorcycle, trail bike, or agricultural/industrial utility vehicle that meets all the requirements of an off highway recreational vehicle in RSA 215-A:1, VI shall be used as an off highway recreational vehicle only when it has a valid OHRV registration issued under the provisions of RSA 215-A:21.

**265:160 Utility Vehicles and Compact Utility Tractors; Operation on Ways Restricted.** – No person shall operate a utility vehicle, including an agricultural/industrial utility vehicle as defined in RSA 259:2-a, a compact utility tractor, as defined in RSA 259:13-a, or an off highway recreational vehicle as defined in RSA 259:69, except on **a way where the posted speed limit is 40 miles per hour or less** or, in the case of compact utility tractor, 35 miles per hour or less, and the route or crossing being used is open to such vehicles and at such times and under any other special operating conditions established by the government authority having control of the way. Any person operating or in actual physical control of such a vehicle upon a way shall hold a valid driver's license.

**259:49-a Light Industrial Use.** – "Light industrial use" shall mean manufacturing and distribution of products for wholesale or retail use where the operation includes the need for access to contiguous or nearby warehouses, showrooms, construction sites, or manufacturing facilities including crossing a way or portion of a way or driving on a way where the route or crossing is approved by the government authority controlling the way.

**262:41 General Penalty.** – Unless otherwise provided in statute, any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this title, or of any rule made under authority thereof, shall be fined \$50 plus penalty assessment for a first offense.

For any subsequent offense committed during any calendar year such person shall be fined \$100 plus penalty assessment.