



Good Food, Good Life

**Support for HR 1799, the Safe & Efficient Transportation Act of 2009
To Provide for Exceptions to Federal Gross Vehicle Weight Limitations for Trucks**

Nestlé supports increasing the federal gross vehicle weight limit to 97,000 lbs with an additional axle. This proposal would result in reduced CO2 emissions, fewer trucks on the road and a decrease in fuel usage.

Current federal law generally limits gross vehicle weight on interstate highways to 80,000 pounds with five axles.

- **U.S. Limits vs. Other Countries**
 - Mexico's weight limit is 106,000 lbs
 - Canada's weight limit is over 95,000 lbs
 - Majority of European Union nations operate at or around 97,000 lbs
- **Road Congestion**
 - Freight hauled by trucks expected to double or triple by 2025 in U.S.
 - Truck traffic is growing 11 times faster than road capacity
 - 85% of 2020 highway infrastructure has already been built

Potential Benefits of Weight Limit Increase to 97,000 lbs on Six Axles

- **Nestlé Waters North America**
 - 115,000 fewer shipments
 - 34,400,000 fewer miles
 - 5,700,000 fewer gallons of fuel used
 - 64,000 fewer tons of CO2
- **Nestlé Purina PetCare**
 - 84,000 fewer shipments
 - 33,500,000 fewer miles
 - 5,100,000 fewer gallons of fuel used
 - 57,000 fewer tons of CO2
- **Nestlé USA**
 - 71,062 fewer shipments
 - 44,100,000 fewer miles
 - 6,000,000 fewer gallons fuel used
 - 66,000 fewer pounds CO2

Nestlé is a global nutrition, health and wellness company with 82 factories in the United States. The company employs more than 41,000 people and had 2008 sales totaling \$21.33 billion. Nestlé USA, Nestlé Waters North America, Nestlé Purina PetCare and Nestlé Nutrition North America are part of Nestlé S.A. in Vevey, Switzerland — the world's largest food company — with 2008 sales of \$101 billion.