Far West Agribusiness Association’s
draft of a federal definition for
“Implements of Husbandry”

This proposed definition for “implements of husbandry” refers to a vehicle and/or piece of equipment therefore is not intended to be tied in any way to a specific driver of said vehicle.

The definition defines what is designed for, used for and provides for, the tilling of the soil, the harvesting of crops or the feeding livestock. In addition, it includes motor vehicles such as farm tractors and, self propelled equipment that is designed and used to transport and apply fertilizer, chemicals, seed and other related products for use on or to be applied to agricultural crops. It can also apply to equipment used in the handling of agricultural commodities such as a grain auger, a service or feed wagon or a hay bale stacker. Implements of Husbandry may be either towed or driven and are therefore exempt from the Department of Transportation requirements regarding brakes and lighting since they do not have a registration certificate. Implements of Husbandry often contain floatation tires intended to be used in agricultural field conditions and are therefore exempt from stopping at port of entries or weigh stations.

Background information: Washington State
RCW 46.37.010
Scope and effect of regulations — General penalty
http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=46.37.010

RCW 46.37.160 Hazard warning lights and reflectors on farm equipment — Slow-moving vehicle emblem.

Background information: Idaho State

Background information: Oregon State
https://www.oregonlaws.org/glossary/definition/implement_of_husbandry

Background information: Utah
http://le.utah.gov/~code/TITLE72/htm/72_07_040700.htm

Background information: Nevada
http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/AB/AB247_R2.pdf