

## Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2025 )

<b>Department Name:</b>	Public Safety	<b>Date:</b>	7/15/2026	<b>Total Rule Count:</b>	1
<b>IAC #:</b>	661	<b>Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):</b>	23	<b>Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:</b>	321.383(2)
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### What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The intended benefit of this rule is to outline the standards for an alternative reflective device for a person operating a vehicle drawn by a horse or mule who objects to using a reflective device that complies with the standards of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers for religious reasons.

### Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes, anyone who objects to using a reflective device that complies with the standards of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers is able to understand the standards of an alternative device that complies with Iowa law.

### What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

A person who objects to using a reflective device that complies with the American Society of Agricultural Engineers standard will bear the cost of purchasing an alternative reflective device. The cost of such a device is estimated to be minimal.

### What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

There are no costs to the Department or any other agency to implement this rule.

### Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes, the public benefits from increased clarity reference alternative reflective devices for slow moving vehicles drawn by a horse or mule.

### Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

No, these rules simply outline standards for an alternative reflective device for any person operating a vehicle drawn by a horse or mule who objects to a device that complies with the American Society of

Agricultural Engineers for religious purposes. The Department has determined no such alternative exits and this is the least intrusive method to achieve the intended goal.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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No.

**RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):**

None.

**RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):**

CHAPTER 23  
REFLECTIVE DEVICES ON SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES

Chapter rescission date pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.7: 1/1/28

**661—23.1(321) Alternative reflective device.** If a person operating a vehicle drawn by a horse or mule objects for religious reasons to using a reflective device that complies with the standards of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the vehicle may be identified by an alternative reflective device that is in compliance with the following:

**23.1(1)** The alternative reflective device will consist of one-inch-wide strips applied to the rear of the vehicle. The combined length of the strips will be at least 72 inches and, when applied, approximate the outline of the vehicle.

**23.1(2)** The reflective material may be black, gray, silver or white in color, but must reflect white when illuminated by other vehicles' headlamps.

**23.1(3)** The reflective material will be visible from a distance of not less than 500 feet from the rear of the vehicle when illuminated by other vehicles' headlamps.

**23.1(4)** The reflective material will be kept free of dirt and debris.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.383(2).

**\*For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.**

**METRICS**

Total number of rules repealed:	0
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	3

Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	5
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**ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?**

No.