



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Gregory A. Whirley
COMMISSIONER of HIGHWAYS

June 13, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Waiver to Carriers Transporting Essential Emergency Relief Supplies for Utility Restoration

Due to weather impacts in the Commonwealth from severe storms and tornadoes that occurred on June 13, 2013 and the fact that the Hurricane Sandy State of Emergency is still in effect, there is a need for the state to assist in restoring power to those locations hit hardest by the tornadoes and high winds.

As a result, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles jointly authorize a temporary waiver of registration and license requirements for the purpose of ensuring that essential utility relief supplies reach the disaster area in a timely manner. This waiver is effective beginning 6 pm June 13, 2013 until 6 pm June 30, 2013 and includes an exemption in coordination with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management which activates the FMCSA Section 390.23 Relief of Regulations including hours of service. It pertains only to statewide shippers and carriers providing restoration of utilities to severe weather impacted areas within the Commonwealth.

Loads are restricted to a maximum of 12 feet wide provided they follow the hauling permit regulations and safety guidelines as published in the Virginia Hauling Permit Manual.

This information is for immediate dissemination to preclude inadvertent ticketing or detention. Multi-agency support and cooperation are appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Perry Cogburn at (804) 786-2848 or Mr. Earl Sharp at (804) 225-3157.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gregory A. Whirley'.

Gregory A. Whirley