



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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COMMISSIONER

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TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Waiver to Carriers Transporting essential emergency relief supplies or providing restoration of utilities

Based on National Weather Service forecasts projecting a major winter storm the Governor has declared a State of Emergency seeking relief for all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies, livestock or poultry, feed or other critical supplies for livestock or poultry, heating oil, motor fuels, and propane, or providing restoration of utilities (electricity, gas, phone, water, wastewater, and cable) in and through areas of the Commonwealth in order to support the disaster response and recovery.

As a result, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles authorizes a temporary waiver of registration and license requirements, and the Commissioner of Highways authorizes a temporary waiver of normal weight and width restrictions on roads controlled by the Virginia Department of Transportation, for the purpose of ensuring that essential supplies and services reach impacted areas in a timely. This waiver is effective beginning 3pm February 16th, 2015 until 12 pm March 25th, 2015 and includes an exemption in coordination with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management which activates the FMSCA Section 390.23 Relief of Regulations including hours of service. This waiver only pertains to statewide shippers and carriers associated with emergency relief supplies and utility restoration services.

TRUCK TYPE	MAX G.V.W.	SINGLE AXLE	TANDEM AXLE	3 AXLE GROUP	4 AXLE GROUP
3 AXLES	60,000	24K	44K		
4 AXLES	70,000	24K	44K	54.5K	
5 AXLES	90,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
6+AXLES	100,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K

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 is appreciated. If there any questions, please contact Mr. Earl Sharp at (804) 225-3157 or (804) 786-4692.

Sincerely,

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FOR: Commissioner Kilpatrick