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In order to assist with relief and recovery following the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, effective April 10, 2024, Virginia has temporarily suspended enforcement of vehicle registration requirements under the International Registration Plan and road tax (fuel use tax) requirements under the International Fuel Tax Agreement for commercial motor vehicles (1) that are otherwise validly registered and are traveling in Virginia on non-apportioned license plates, and (2) that are engaged in providing direct assistance in support of the emergency relief effort, including port-to-port hauling of freight.

This temporary suspension will end upon expiration of the state of emergency that has been declared by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration as a result of the situation in Maryland. Currently, that state of emergency, as extended, is scheduled to remain in effect until the end of the emergency (as defined in 49 CFR § 390.5T) or until 11:59 P.M. (ET), May 8, 2024, whichever is earlier.

In addition, Virginia is providing assistance by issuing special overweight permits for the transportation of containerized freight, under the same conditions as currently apply to such permits under § 46.2-1141 of the *Code of Virginia*, except that (1) the validity period of the permit will be 30 days, and (2) the permit will be issued at no charge. Issuance of these free permits will cease upon expiration of the federal state of emergency referenced above.

Any questions regarding enforcement matters may be directed to Billy Johnson, Law Enforcement Division, at 276-236-7732. Any questions regarding Virginia's other relief efforts may be directed to Patrick Harrison, Motor Carrier Services, at patrick.harrison@dmv.virginia.gov.