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Albany, New York

February 24, 2015

TO: All Enforcement Agencies

SUBJECT: IRP Update – Declarations of Emergency in Pennsylvania and Virginia

In response to extreme weather conditions, emergency declarations have been issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation. Under the authority of 49 CFR 390.23, carriers who participate in emergency relief efforts are relieved from compliance with 49 CFR 395 (hours of service regulations) while the declarations are in effect. This will facilitate the movement of supplies to support emergency relief efforts and to ensure the continuation of essential services and supplies to residential and commercial establishments.

Pennsylvania's exemption is effective February 16, 2015 through February 28, 2015 and Virginia's is effective February 16, 2015 through March 25, 2015. Copies are attached for reference.

If you have any questions regarding Pennsylvania's exemption, contact Gavin Gray at (717) 783-4426. If you have any questions regarding Virginia's exemption, contact Earl Sharp at (804) 225-3157 or (804) 786-4692.

Please share this information with appropriate staff, including all road patrol enforcement. Thank you.

J. David Sampson
Executive Deputy Commissioner

Attachments



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

EXEMPTION 2015-01A

Pursuant to the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued by the Governor on January 26, 2015, 75 Pa. C.S. §6108, and the authority granted in 49 C.F.R. §390.23 and 67 Pa. Code Chapter 231, the waivers in this exemption apply to certain motor carriers engaged in operations necessary to respond to the emergency declared by the Governor. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation hereby issues the following exemption:

TYPE OF OPERATION: Transportation of propane gas and oil for heating purposes.

EXTENT OF EXEMPTION: Amends Exemption 2015-01 relating to the requirement to comply with driver hour of service limitations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 16, 2015 2400 hours.

TERMINATION DATE: February 28, 2015 2359 hours.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. This exemption applies statewide to the transportation of propane gas and oil for heating purposes.
2. The maximum driving time is extended from 11 hours to 14 hours. Ten consecutive hours off-duty must be taken between the 14 hours of driving time.
3. Operators are exempted from the requirements of the 60/70 hour rule.
4. This waiver does not exempt these motor carriers and drivers from the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Title 75), or the Pennsylvania Crimes Code (Title 18).
5. Title 67, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 175, Vehicle Equipment and Inspection, remains in effect for all vehicles registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

DATE: February 17, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leslie S. Richards".

Leslie S. Richards
Acting Secretary of Transportation



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Charles A. Kilpatrick, P.E.
COMMISSIONER

February 16, 2015

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,

Charles A. Kilpatrick, P.E.

FOR: Commissioner Kilpatrick