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Governor acts to speed relief to Southeast Kansas *Executive order lifts transportation restrictions*

As Southeast Kansas continues to deal with the effects of major flooding, Governor Kathleen Sebelius has signed an executive order lifting certain restrictions on motor vehicles carrying relief supplies to the area.

"The extent of the flooding is tremendous and getting homes, buildings and basic infrastructure repaired and rebuilt is going to be a massive undertaking. We want to eliminate any barriers that could slow the delivery of relief to the Kansans affected by the flooding so that the process of recovery can start as soon as possible," said Sebelius.

Executive Order 07-18 lifts the following restrictions on motor vehicles involved in relief efforts:

1. Fees associated with over-dimension/overweight permits. Participating carriers who transport these loads must still obtain permits, receive priority service, and maintain a copy of the executive order in each vehicle. These vehicles may also operate during low visibility and during night, holiday and curfew hours with clearance lights;
2. The requirements for registration and purchasing of fuel permits as required by the Kansas Department of Revenue;
3. The requirements for licensing/operating authority as required by the Kansas Corporation Commission; and
4. The requirements contained in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, CFR 49, Parts 390-399 under the authority of CFR 49, Part 390.23. All other regulations in CFR 49 shall apply.

On Saturday, June 30, Sebelius declared a state of emergency for Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Butler, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Coffey, Cowley, Elk, Franklin, Linn, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Osage, Wilson and Woodson counties. A presidential disaster declaration for the area was issued on Monday, July 2.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 07-18

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 48-925(b) provides that the Governor may issue orders and proclamations which shall have the enforce and effect of law under subsection (b) of K.S.A. 48-924; and

WHEREAS, on the 30h day of June, 2007, I declared a state of emergency for Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Butler, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Coffey, Cowley, Elk, Franklin, Linn, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Osage, Wilson and Woodson counties as a result of severe and constant weather, including flooding, which struck, causing excessive damage to businesses and homes; and

WHEREAS, this severe natural disaster has resulted in extensive human suffering and economic damage; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expedite restoration of services and relief in the affected area and the State of Kansas wishes to accommodate the need to provide assistance to the citizens of these affected counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby declare there is a state of emergency existing in the above -listed counties, as a result of severe weather, it is necessary to assist and expedite all efforts of restoration of services and relief. In order to accommodate this need and to provide assistance to the citizens of Kansas in this extreme situation, I hereby order the temporary suspension of the following as they apply to motor vehicles used in the support efforts:

1. The fees associated with over-dimension/overweight permits, however, participating carriers who transport these loads:
 - Must obtain permits
 - Receive priority service
 - Maintain a current copy of the Executive Order in each commercial vehicle
 - May operate during low visibility and during night, holiday and curfew hours with clearance lights; and
2. The requirements for registration and purchasing of fuel permits as required by the Kansas Department of Revenue; and
3. The requirements for licensing/operating authority as required by the Kansas Corporation Commission; and
4. The requirements contained in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, CFR 49, Parts 390-399 under the authority of CFR 49, Part 390.23. All other regulations in CFR 49 shall apply.

This temporary order is in effect for thirty (30) days unless rescinded earlier or lengthened by executive order.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 07-18 and shall become effective immediately.