



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Waiver to Carriers Transporting Essential Emergency Relief Supplies in Support of Hurricane Katrina Relief.

Hurricane Katrina caused widespread damages throughout the Gulf Coast and Southeast. In response to the impacts from Hurricane Katrina and to ensure a speedy recovery to those citizens impacted by the hurricane, the Commonwealth of Virginia is looking at ways to ensure goods and services get into areas impacted by high winds, storm surge, tornadoes and flooding.

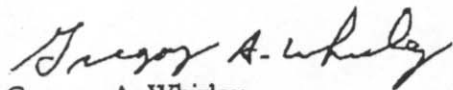
As a result, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles jointly authorize a temporary waiver of registration and license requirements along with normal weight and width restrictions for the purpose of ensuring essential emergency relief supplies reach the disaster area in a timely manner. This waiver is effective beginning August 30, 2005 until midnight on October 30, 2005. It pertains only to shippers and carriers of essential emergency relief supplies into those areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina and are subject to the weight restrictions below:

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

Loads are restricted to a maximum of 10 feet wide provided they follow the hauling permit 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 call the TEOC at (804) 371-0890.

Best regards,



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