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**Steven L. Beshear**  
Governor

**Michael W. Hancock, P.E.**  
Secretary

107088

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICIAL ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Agriculture has designated several areas in the southwestern part of the United States as disaster areas due to continuing drought and high temperature conditions; and

WHEREAS, the drought and high temperatures have produced extensive damage to and disruption of farm production in the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, many states have been requested to assist with the relief efforts in the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky has been requested to render mutual aid to assist in the federal and state disaster response; and

WHEREAS, commercial motor vehicles will be transporting needed livestock feeds, including hay, water, forage and other supplies to the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2011, Governor Steven L. Beshear declared that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in order to adequately respond to the emergency situation caused by the drought conditions in the southwestern part of the United States; and

WHEREAS, KRS 186.05 requires special registration for out-of-state vehicles; and

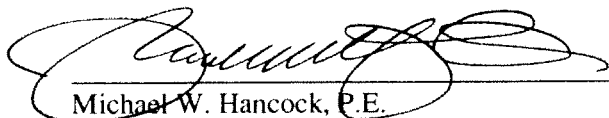
WHEREAS, 49 CFR Part 395, KRS 281.730, 601 KAR 1:005 impose maximum driving time upon the drivers of motor carriers delivering and transporting agricultural products, and

WHEREAS, KRS 189.270 and 601 KAR 1:018 impose standards and establish procedures for the issuance of permits for overweight and/or overdimensional vehicles;



NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KRS 281.730 and 49 CFR 390.23 and by virtue of the DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY issued by Governor Beshear on September 9, 2011, I hereby declare:

1. That commercial motor vehicles and their operators transporting needed hay, water, forage and other supplies to the affected areas shall be exempt from permit fees for overweight/overdimensional vehicles during the period of this emergency;
2. That the Department of Vehicle Regulation (Department) is authorized to waive certain size and weight restrictions as they determine to be appropriate to meet the needs of the affected areas. In order to insure the safety of the traveling public and its infrastructure, the carrier must obtain all necessary permits for route verification.
3. That the IRP Registration Requirements for vehicles providing relief services and relief supplies to the affected areas shall be waived;
4. That all other safety requirements shall remain in full force and effect;
5. That any driver operating under authority of this Declaration of Emergency shall have a copy of this Declaration in the cab of the vehicle.
6. This declaration of emergency shall remain in effect until 12:01 AM E.S.T., May 1, 2012.

  
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Michael W. Hancock, P.E.  
Secretary  
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Done this 9th day of September, 2011 at Frankfort, Kentucky.

Approved as to form and legality:

  
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Office of Legal Services