



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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COMMISSIONER

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers  
SUBJECT: Waiver to Carriers Transporting Essential Emergency Relief Supplies in Support of Hurricane Gustav Relief.

Hurricane Gustav has the potential to cause widespread damages throughout the Gulf Coast and Southeast. In response to the potential impacts from Hurricane Gustav 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, and 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 31, 2008 until midnight on October 31, 2008. It pertains only to shippers and carriers of essential emergency relief supplies into those areas impacted by Hurricane Gustav and are subject to the weight restrictions below:

TRUCK MAX TYPE	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 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 are appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Perry Cogburn at (804) 786-2848 or call the VDOT Transportation Emergency Operations Center (TEOC) at (804) 371-0891.

Sincerely,

Perry C. Cogburn