

March 29, 2019

Dear IFTA and IRP Administrators,

Major disaster declarations have been declared this month for the State of Iowa and the State of Nebraska as a result of severe storms and flooding. Presidential Disaster Declarations were declared on March 20, 2019, for the State of Nebraska and on March 22, 2019 for the State of Iowa. On March 19, 2019, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issued a Regional Declaration of Emergency in which it granted an exemption from Parts 390 through 399 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations for motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance in the States of Iowa and Nebraska as a result of the flooding emergency. Additionally, on March 22, 2019, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency in which certain state regulations were waived relating to size and weight permitting requirements for commercial vehicles providing disaster repair and recovery in this state.

On March 28, I issued a waiver of the State of Iowa's administrative code requirements relating to International Registration Plan (IRP) and International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) requirements for operators of commercial vehicles in Iowa responding to the disaster relief efforts associated with the widespread flooding in both Iowa and Nebraska.

I respectfully request all states consider suspension of IRP and IFTA requirements for operators of commercial vehicles that travel through your state to provide disaster relief in Iowa and Nebraska. This action would expedite and expand the disaster response.

In the past, state governors and officials have provided assistance to other states by waiving requirements relating to oversize and overweight vehicles and loads, vehicle registration, and IFTA. Iowa would appreciate the states' consideration of temporarily waiving the IRP and IFTA requirements in their state for these emergency purposes.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact our Motor Carrier Services Manager, Alex Jansen, by telephone at 515-237-3239, or by email, Alexander.Jansen@iowadot.us, for questions and direct assistance.

Respectfully,



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