State of Illinois
Emergency Waiver of IFTA Registration
Regarding Tropical Storm/Hurricane Harvey
September 6, 2017

On August 28th, 2017, President Trump signed disaster declarations for the states of Texas and Louisiana as a result of devastation caused by Tropical Storm Harvey beginning August 25th. The Illinois Department of Revenue understands the importance of rapid response to state and national declarations of emergencies. In view of this, by way of this notice, Illinois will temporarily waive International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) registration and motor fuel use tax (MFUT) single trip permitting for qualified vehicles traveling into or through Illinois responding specifically to power, communications, utilities, and infrastructure restoration to areas or events that have been declared as either a national emergency by the President of the United States or a state of emergency as declared by any Governor of an IFTA jurisdiction. Additionally, Illinois will also waive IFTA-required credentials and MFUT single trip permits to qualified motor vehicles specifically delivering goods, services, or foods necessary for sustaining life and livestock in those areas covered in the declaration.

This waiver is in effect from the time of such official declaration until thirty (30) days after such declaration. Effective August 25th, 2017, through September 24th, 2017, as a result of devastation inflicted by Tropical Storm/Hurricane Matthew, operators of qualified vehicles in Illinois shall not be ticketed or otherwise penalized for non-registration of IFTA/MFUT if the operator of the vehicle can provide proof that the destination of the vehicle is to a point within the emergency/disaster area(s), or the vehicle’s last destination was within the declared area and is returning to or through Illinois from providing essential goods and services to the declared area(s).

Beginning with the 31st day, unless this emergency waiver has been rescinded or extended by the Illinois Department of Revenue, motor carriers taking advantage of this waiver must properly register for IFTA or obtain single trip permits for continued travel into or through Illinois.

This waiver, pursuant to 35 ILCS 505/13a.4 and 13a.5, is for IFTA and MFUT credentialing only and is in effect for thirty (30) days from the date of declaration or until such time it is officially rescinded or extended by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Trent Knoles, Illinois IFTA Commissioner

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