Order in Accordance with the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency

Issued on January 22, 2016

On January 21, 2016, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency authorizing the Department of Transportation to waive certain laws of the Commonwealth related to drivers of commercial vehicles during this severe winter event. Thus, it is necessary to waive any statutory provisions that may slow, limit or otherwise hinder the timely and efficient transportation by commercial vehicles providing emergency relief during this disaster emergency.

Accordingly, as certain laws falling under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code are administered by the Department of Revenue, I announce in concurrence with the Secretary of Transportation, that certain requirements concerning the International Fuel Tax Agreement ("IFTA") are temporarily waived for all commercial carriers/vehicles traveling into or within Pennsylvania for the purpose of ensuring that essential services and emergency relief supplies reach affected areas in a timely manner. This temporary waiver specifically pertains to commercial carriers/vehicles engaged in providing restoration of utilities to severe weather impacted areas here in Pennsylvania or in other states throughout the Northeast, as well as commercial carriers/vehicles engaged in the transportation of essential services or emergency relief supplies for such. Specifically, this waives for the aforesaid vehicles the IFTA requirement that out-of-state carriers apply for and obtain a licensing permit credential known as a "Trip Permit," in accordance with the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S. § 2102(d)(3).

This temporary waiver of the IFTA requirements established hereunder shall remain in effect from January 22, 2016 until such time as it is determined by Governor Wolf that a State of Emergency no longer exists, or for 15 days, whichever occurs later.

Note that nothing in this Order shall be constructed as permitting the operation of a commercial motor vehicle without complying with the appropriate laws pertaining to commercial driver licensing and all safety requirements governing the operation of commercial vehicles, including maintaining and having in effect all required insurance.

Sincerely,

Eileen McNulty
Pennsylvania Secretary of Revenue