



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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COMMISSIONER of HIGHWAYS

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Waiver to Carriers Transporting Essential Emergency Relief Supplies due to Hurricane Sandy

Due to potential severe weather impacts in the Commonwealth from Hurricane Sandy, the Governor has issued an Executive Order seeking relief for movement of essential supplies to support emergency response and recovery activities.

As a result, the Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management jointly authorize a temporary waiver of registration and license requirements, along with normal weight and width restrictions, for the purpose of ensuring that essential emergency relief supplies reach the disaster area in a timely manner. This waiver is effective beginning 12 pm. October 26, 2012 until 12 pm November 30, 2012 and includes an exemption in coordination with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management which activates the FMCSA Section 390.23 Relief of Regulations including hours of service. It pertains only to statewide shippers and carriers of essential emergency relief supplies or providing restoration of utilities to severe weather impacted areas within the Commonwealth. The waiver is 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
6+AXLES*	100,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K

\*With a minimum 51 feet overall axle spacing.

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 waiver does not allow trucks to exceed the posted weight of any load restricted bridge or structure in Virginia.

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 Mr. Earl Sharp at (804) 225-3157.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Whirley