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Commissioner

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TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Waiver for Carriers Transporting essential emergency relief supplies or providing emergency restoration of infrastructure services – Hurricane Matthew

Based on National Weather Service forecasts projecting impacts from Hurricane Mathew the Governor has declared a State of Emergency seeking relief for all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies, livestock or poultry, feed or other critical supplies for livestock or poultry, heating oil, motor fuels, and propane, or providing restoration of utilities (electricity, gas, telecommunications, water and wastewater) in and through areas of the Commonwealth in order to support disaster response and recovery to impacted areas.

As a result, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles authorizes a temporary waiver of registration and licensing requirements for carrier, and the Commissioner of Highways authorizes a temporary waiver of normal weight and width restrictions on Virginia roads for the express purpose of ensuring that emergency essential supplies and services reach impacted areas in timely manner. Weight exemptions are not valid on interstate highways unless there is an associated federal emergency declaration. At this time, there is an associated Presidential Declaration from Hurricane Matthew, DR-4280, that makes this waiver valid on interstate highways. This waiver is effective beginning 12AM October 6, 2016 until 12AM November 6, 2016 and includes an exemption, in coordination with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, which activates the FMSCA Section 390.23 Relief of Regulations associated with hours of service. This waiver only pertains to statewide shippers and carriers directly associated with emergency relief / recovery efforts.

TRUCK TYPE	MAX 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	44/k	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 is appreciated. If there any questions, please contact Mr. John Scrivani at (804) 786-4692.

Sincerely,

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Safety, Security & Emergency Management Division Administrator

for

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