

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Gregory A. Whirley
ACTING COMMISSIONER

September 9, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Waiver of Over Dimensional Housing Units in Support of Hurricane Relief for the Gulf Coast States.

Hurricane Katrina has caused widespread damage throughout the Gulf States. In response to the impacts from this hurricane and to ensure a speedy recovery to those citizens in the Gulf States impacted by the hurricane, the Commonwealth of Virginia is looking at ways to ensure Over Dimensional Housing Units get into areas impacted by high winds, storm surge, tornadoes and flooding.

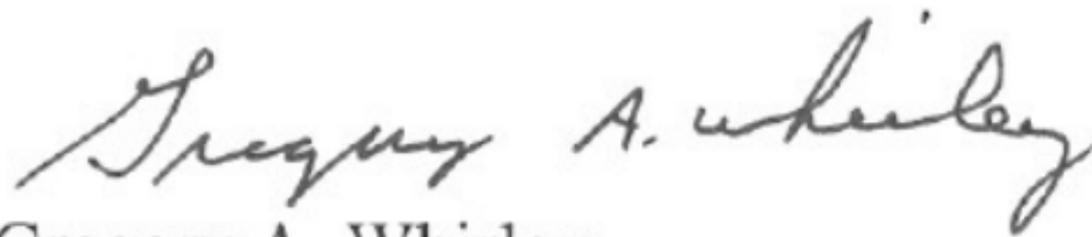
As a result, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles jointly authorize a temporary waiver of registration and license requirements along with normal width, height, and length restrictions for the purpose transporting Over Dimensional Housing Units to the disaster area. This waiver is effective beginning September 2, 2005 until midnight on October 30, 2005. It pertains to carriers transporting Over Dimensional Housing Units into areas impacted by the hurricanes or traveling to staging areas that will ultimately support those areas impacted by hurricanes. **The bill of lading that accompanies the housing units will specify "FEMA" emergency disaster relief.**

The maximum load restriction for this waiver cannot exceed 14 feet wide, 14 feet high or 100 feet in length. All loads moving under the authority of this waiver do not require a Virginia Hauling Permit and must comply with safety guidelines as published in the Virginia Hauling Permit Manual. **Also, continuous travel is on interstate routes only, off interstate travel is only valid between sunrise and sunset.**

Any size requirements for larger Housing Units will require a Virginia Hauling Permit and will not be subject to normal fees.

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 call the TEOC at (804) 371-0890.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory A. Whirley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gregory A. Whirley