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COMMISSIONER

March 6, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers
SUBJECT: Waiver to Carriers Responding to the March 6, 2013 Snow Storm

Due to the winter storm that is impacting on Virginia, the Governor has issued an Executive Order seeking relief for the movement of essential supplies to include agricultural supplies for livestock and potentially animal carcasses for disposal to support emergency response and recovery operations.

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 weight and width restrictions, for the purpose of ensuring that essential supplies and utility restoration can continue in a timely manner. This waiver is effective beginning 1 pm. March 6, 2013 until 12 pm April 1, 2013 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 to delivery of essential supplies and power restoration operations that continue in the areas impacted by the 3/6/13 snow storm. The waiver is subject to the weight restrictions below:

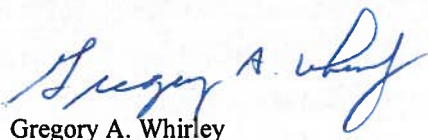
<u>TRUCK MAX</u> <u>TYPE</u>	<u>G.V.W.</u>	<u>SINGLE</u> <u>AXLE</u>	<u>TANDEM</u> <u>AXLE</u>	<u>3 AXLE</u> <u>GROUP</u>	<u>4 AXLE</u> <u>GROUP</u>
3 AXLES	60,000	24K	44K	54.5K	-----
4 AXLES	70,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
5 AXLES	90,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
6+AXLES*	100,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K

*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 bridges 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,


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