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TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Waiver to Carriers Transporting essential emergency relief supplies or providing restoration of utilities

Based on National Weather Service forecasts projecting a major winter storm the Governor has declared a State of Emergency seeking relief for all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies or providing restoration of utilities (electricity, gas, phone, water, wastewater, and cable) in and through any area of the Commonwealth in order to support the disaster response and recovery.

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 services reach impacted areas in a timely manner. This waiver is effective beginning 12 pm February 11, 2014 until 12 pm March 1, 2014 and includes an exemption in coordination with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management which activates the FMSCA Section 390.23 Relief of Regulations including hours of service. This waiver only pertains to statewide shippers and carriers associated with emergency relief supplies and utility restoration services.

TRUCK TYPE	MAX G.V.W.	SINGLE AXLE	TANDEM AXLE	3 AXLE GROUP	4 AXLE GROUP
3 AXLES	60.000	24K	44K		
4 AXLES	70,000	24K	44K	54.5K	
5 AXLES	90,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
6+AXLES	100,000	24K	44K	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. Earl Sharp at (804) 225-3157 or (804) 786-4692.

Sincerely

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