



The State of Maryland
Executive Department

ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

WAIVING REGULATIONS ADOPTED FOR MOTOR CARRIER TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in several Maryland counties;

WHEREAS, The delivery of supplies and equipment is vital to the preservation of life;

WHEREAS, Waiver of all or part of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations will facilitate emergency relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, The facilitated movement of these supplies and equipment is in the best interest of the citizens of Maryland;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

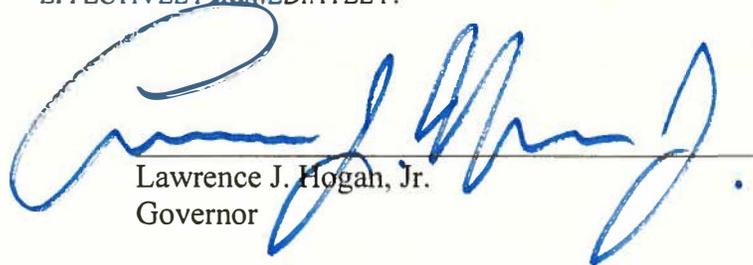
- I. There is a transportation emergency throughout the state.

- II. Motor vehicles transporting equipment or supplies directly related to the COVID-19 state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency and needed to protect the public health, welfare, or safety are allowed a 15% tolerance above any weight limit imposed by statute. Said tolerance shall be the only tolerance applicable to the vehicle and includes gross weight and axle weight. Vehicles exceeding this tolerance and carrying a non-divisible load shall obtain an emergency hauling permit as required and operate under the terms and conditions of that permit. No vehicle shall exceed any tire manufacturer's maximum load capacity rating.
- III. To facilitate the delivery of equipment and supplies related to the COVID-19 state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, and as deemed safe and appropriate, the State Highway Administrator, or the State Highway Administrator's designee, may temporarily waive or modify hauling permit restrictions and conditions deemed safe and appropriate.
- IV. Motor carriers and drivers operating with increased weight tolerances or waived or modified hauling permit restrictions must adhere to all State Highway Administration, Maryland Transportation Authority, and local jurisdiction restrictions regarding size and weight on roadways and bridges.
- V. Pursuant to § 390.23 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") and § 25-111 of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Code, motor carriers and drivers operating commercial motor vehicles to transport cargo relating to the COVID-19 state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency (such as medicine, medical equipment, food supplies including feed for livestock, water, and materials for construction of temporary housing), and provided relief by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Emergency Declaration No. 2020-002, are extended identical relief while in intrastate operation on state and local roadways. Motor carriers and drivers must adhere to the requirements of 49 CFR § 392.3 relating to ill or fatigued operators.
- VI. Any additional relief provided by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Emergency Declaration No. 2020-002 and applicable to Maryland is further incorporated into this Order.
- VII. Nothing in this declaration relieves the motor carrier or driver of the responsibility for safe operation of the vehicle.
- VIII. The provisions of this Order are applicable to the Interstate

Highway System provided there is compliance with all required approvals from the appropriate federal agencies.

- IX. This Order remains effective until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Maryland Executive Order- COVID-19

15% Added Weight - 80K Limit DO NOT CROSS STRUCTURES

Bridge Number	Facility Carried	Feature Intersected	GIS Milepoint	Latitude	Longitude
020177001	MD 198	BRANCH OF LITTLE PATUXENT RIVER	3.9	39.09307	-76.764105
230007001	US 50	SINEPUXENT BAY	13.845	38.33397939	-75.09680949
100017001	US 15	POTOMAC RIVER, CSX, C&O	0.343	39.27425284	-77.54256049
230002001	MD 12	POCOMOKE RIVER	12874	38.17884557	-75.39437573
100085001	MD 355	MONOCACY RIVER	7.532	39.36878832	-77.38997207
010066001	MD 942	N BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER	0.03	39.64867776	-78.76578966
020053001	MD 181(SIXTH ST)	SPA CREEK	0.08	38.97267095	-76.48550349
030079001	JOPPA ROAD	MD 139	1.635	39.41141375	-76.63022465
210041001	US 340	POTOMAC RIVER, CSX TRANS	0	39.32112888	-77.71004406
210043001	US 522	POTOMAC RIV, CSX TRANS.	0	39.69085081	-78.18605418
040019001	MD 4	PATUXENT RIVER & TOWN CR	8.545	38.31859371	-76.48490961
220028001	US 50 BUS	WICOMICO RIVER	3.117	38.36608849	-75.60425992
120001001	US 1	SUSQUEHANNA RIVER	19.635	39.65612254	-76.17597036
120033001	MD 136	DEER CREEK	9.16	39.60122166	-76.25982413
150034001	US 29	PATUXENT RIVER	12.203	39.13140017	-76.91930481
010047001	MD 51	TOWN CREEK	19.342	39.52936693	-78.54315825
020045001	MD 173	STONE CREEK	5.707	39.16224482	-76.52353658
100024001	MD 17	CSX TRANS., POTOMAC, MUN	0.082	39.30707878	-77.63159113
020100001	MD 2	US 50/301 & MD 450	23.87	39.01428061	-76.49095846
060049001	MD 32	LIBERTY RESERVOIR	5.774	39.43535861	-76.93650786
110004001	MD 39	CSX TRANSPORTATION	6.173	39.40727302	-79.4082801

NOTICE – Executive Order - COVID-19 RELIEF- Vehicle Weight Limit Tolerance – Maryland is providing an across the board 15% tolerance to any statutory weight limit for loads of relief supplies and equipment. Divisible load haulers who anticipate exceeding the 15% tolerance must obtain an **Emergency Permit** through our [Maryland One hauling permit system](#) for safety and route analysis. These measures are applicable statewide on all roadways. Contact with local authorities regarding restricted roadways under their jurisdiction is likewise required. Haulers of non-divisible loads shall continue to obtain standard hauling permits as normally required. Any questions or if assistance is needed please email us at haulingpermits@mdot.maryland.gov

03/20/2020

COVID-19 Attachment to GOV Exec. Order