



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
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Emergency Hurricane Relief Efforts -- Vehicle Size and Weight Limits

- WHEREAS, The Eastern Seaboard and Gulf Coast areas of the United States are facing a series of tropical and hurricane force storms, and
- WHEREAS, Hurricane Gustav has already inflicted extensive damage to the Gulf Coast with Hurricane Hanna bearing down on the East Coast and additional storms tracking eastward across the Atlantic, and
- WHEREAS, The delivery of supplies and equipment to areas stricken by this series of storms is vital to the preservation of life and property with several states impacted by these storms having already declared emergencies or in need of assistance, and
- WHEREAS, The facilitated movement of these supplies and equipment is in the best interest of the citizens of these states and the State of Maryland.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 16 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING RELIEF FOR VEHICLES RESPONDING TO OR FROM STATES WITH DECLARED STORM EMERGENCIES:

1. Vehicles transporting equipment or supplies directly related to emergency relief for these states shall be allowed a 15 % tolerance above any weight limit imposed by statute. Said tolerance shall be the only tolerance applicable to the vehicle. Vehicles exceeding this tolerance and carrying a non-divisible load shall obtain a hauling permit as required. No vehicle shall exceed any tire manufacturer's maximum load capacity rating.
2. The Administrator, Maryland State Highway Administration, or the Administrator's designee may temporarily waive or modify hauling permit restrictions and conditions deemed safe and appropriate to facilitate relief efforts.
3. Carriers and drivers operating under the provisions of this declaration must adhere to all roadway restrictions of the Maryland State Highway Administration, Maryland Transportation Authority and local jurisdictions regarding roadway and bridge size and weight limitations.

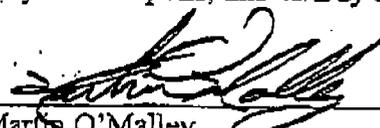
4. Carriers and drivers providing direct emergency relief to or from these states are temporarily relieved from Parts 390-399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, including Hours of Service (HOS).

5. Nothing in this declaration relieves the carrier or driver of responsibility for the safe operation of the vehicle.

6. The provisions of this Order are not applicable to any part of the Interstate Highway System. Such relief must be independently declared by the appropriate federal agency. Any declaration so made and receiving concurrence by the Maryland Secretary of Transportation shall become a part of this Order.

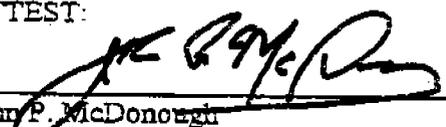
7. This Order shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Governor.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 4th Day of September, 2008.



Martha O'Malley
Governor

ATTEST:



John P. McDonough
Secretary of State

