



Important Notice for Motor Carriers

Oversize/Overweight Permit Requirements Suspended for Disaster Declaration

Pursuant to the Governor's declaration of disaster on August 23, 2017, and any further amendments to the declaration, the size and weight restrictions and oversize/overweight permitting requirements of Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623, are temporarily suspended for vehicles and loads associated with activities needed to respond to the disaster.

This authorization applies to any disaster-declared counties and any Texas county through which transport is necessary to reach the disaster response area. The following exceptions apply:

- Weight restrictions are NOT suspended on the national system of interstate and defense highways (interstates).
- Length restrictions are NOT suspended on the National Network, which contains the interstates, as well as the federal-aid primary system highways designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.
- Motor carriers are responsible and liable for safe routing and for obtaining current restrictions and information concerning hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.
- Vehicles may not travel across load-posted bridges when exceeding the posted capacity for gross or axle weights, unless the bridge provides the only public access to the disaster area.
- Motor carriers moving vehicles and/or loads exceeding 14 feet high may use the free Bid Route feature in the Texas Permitting and Routing Optimization System (TxPROS) to obtain a route, <https://TxPROS.TxDMV.gov/>.
- Suspension of permitting requirements does not imply that a road, highway or bridge can safely accommodate the movement of an oversize/overweight vehicle and load. Motor carriers are responsible and liable for safely routing their vehicle and loads.

This suspension is in effect until the disaster declaration is lifted by the Governor.

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