



Important Notice for Motor Carriers

Vehicle Registration and Size/Weight Requirements Suspended for the June 9th North Texas Storms

Under the Governor's disaster declaration issued on June 10, 2019, and as amended, the following vehicle registration requirements and size and weight requirements are suspended effective June 10, 2019 for operators of commercial vehicles involved in disaster assistance in North Texas, subject to the conditions and exceptions listed in this notice:

1. International Registration Plan (IRP) vehicle registration under Transportation Code, Section 502.091 and Title 43, Section 217.56 of the Texas Administrative Code to the extent the vehicle is not already registered under IRP, and as long as the vehicle is registered in one of the 48 contiguous states of the United States;
2. 72-/144-hour temporary registration permits under Transportation Code, Section 502.094 and Title 43, Section 217.40(b)(3) of the Texas Administrative Code, as long as the vehicle is registered in one of the states of the United States; and
3. the oversize and overweight permitting requirements under Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623, as well as Title 43, Chapter 219 of the Texas Administrative Code, for nondivisible vehicles and loads.

Disaster assistance is limited to those actions that are necessary to facilitate the restoration of electricity in North Texas.

This suspension applies in any North Texas county that sustained damage to its electrical infrastructure as a result of the storms on June 9th, as well as any Texas county through which transport is necessary to reach an impacted county. The suspension does not apply to any requirement not specifically listed in this notice, including certain safety or insurance requirements. Also, operators are responsible and liable for safely routing their vehicles and obtaining current information concerning hazardous road conditions prior to movement.

The operator of the commercial vehicle must keep the following documentation in the cab of the vehicle and provide the documentation to any Texas peace officer upon request:

1. a copy of this notice;
2. a copy of the Governor's disaster declaration; and
3. documentation sufficient to identify the vehicle and/or load and to establish that the vehicle and/or load is being used exclusively to facilitate the

restoration of electricity in North Texas while operating under this suspension notice.

The following conditions and exceptions apply to the suspension regarding size and weight laws and rules:

1. The suspension only applies to vehicles and loads for which the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized by Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623, as well as Title 43, Chapter 219 of the Texas Administrative Code, to issue a permit.
2. All permitting requirements are waived, except vehicle escort requirements and restrictions on nighttime movement.
3. Operators are responsible for obtaining current restrictions (excluding curfews) prior to movement.
4. 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.
5. Operators moving vehicles and/or loads that are over legal dimension(s) without a permit must use the free Bid Route feature in the Texas Permitting and Routing Optimization System (TxPROS) to obtain a route, <https://TxPROS.TxDMV.gov/>.
6. 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.
7. This suspension notice serves as a permit under Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623; 23 U.S.C 127(a)(2), 49 U.S.C. 31112(b), and 49 U.S.C. 31113(c).

This suspension remains in effect for 30 days or until terminated by the Office of the Governor.



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