COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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COMMISSIONER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Waiver to Carriers Specifically Transporting Hay and Feed Products within the Commonwealth

Due to the recent drought that has continued since the beginning of the year and the recent high temperatures, the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture has designated fifteen localities in Virginia as natural disaster areas. Also, the Governor issued an Executive Order seeking relief for the entire Commonwealth from the shortage of hay and feed products caused by the drought. Therefore, relief is being sought for all counties of the Commonwealth for the transportation of hay and feed products.

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 essential emergency relief supplies reach the disaster area in a timely manner. This waiver is effective beginning 6 a.m. August 11, 2007 until 6 a.m. April 15, 2008. It pertains only to statewide shippers and carriers of hay and feed products being delivered within the Commonwealth of Virginia and is subject to the weight restrictions below:

TRUCK MAX TYPE	G.V.W.	SINGLE AXLE	TANDEM AXLE	3 AXLE GROUP	4 AXLE GROUP
3 AXLES	60,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
4 AXLES	70,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
5 AXLES	90,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
6+ Axles*	100,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K

* With a minimum 51 feet overall axle spacing.

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 are appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Perry Cogburn at (804) 786-2848 or call the VDOT Transportation Emergency Operations Center (TEOC) at (804) 371-0891.

Sincerely,

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