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Subject:

Movement of 90,000lbs Gross Weight Vehicles on Five and Six Axles
Hurricane Ida and COVID-19

Reference is made to the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation for Hurricane Ida, dated August 28, 2021; the Governor's State Public Health Emergency Proclamation, dated August 13, 2021; 23 USC 127(i) – Special Permits During Periods of National Emergency; and FEMA Major Disaster Declaration DR-4503-AL (Alabama COVID-19 Pandemic) dated March 29, 2020. In accordance with the above, the legal weight limit in Alabama is modified as follows:

Vehicles (five-axle or six-axle only) providing direct assistance in support of relief efforts related to Hurricane Ida or to COVID-19 may carry 90,000lbs gross weight on state and interstate routes in Alabama, except as restricted herein.

This increase in weight limit does not provide any exception to the requirement to comply with any and all posted limits for weight, size, or configuration. This weight limit increase does not change the legal limits on height, width, and length of a vehicle.

The maximum gross weight of 90,000lbs for five-axle and six-axle vehicles may not be exceeded. Scale tolerances are not allowed for, and shall not be applied to, the gross weight of 90,000lbs. Scale tolerances are allowed for the weight of individual axles and axle groups and may be applied.

Direct assistance means transportation of the following categories of items that are for relief efforts associated with Hurricane Ida and COVID-19: (1) medical supplies and equipment; (2) supplies and equipment necessary for community safety, sanitation, and prevention of disease transmission; (3) food, paper products and other grocery items for restocking of inventories at distribution centers or stores; (4) immediate precursor raw materials – such as paper, plastic, or alcohol – that are required and to be used in the manufacture of items; (5) fuel; (6) manufacturing, agricultural, and timber products; (7) equipment and supplies necessary to establish and manage housing and other facilities; and (8) general emergency and relief supplies.

Direct assistance does not include routine commercial deliveries that are not associated with the relief efforts for Hurricane Ida or COVID-19, including mixed loads with a partial load of qualifying emergency relief added to obtain the benefits of this higher weight limit.

A copy of this document must be carried in the vehicle and presented for inspection upon request.

Unless otherwise extended or terminated in writing, this increased weight limit for five-axle and six-axle vehicles is in effect for the duration of either of the two Governor's Emergency Proclamations referenced above.

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