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SECRETARY WAIVER ORDER

DOTD GUIDELINES FOR VEHICLES, TRUCKS AND LOADS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, the Governor declared a state of emergency in Proclamation No. 111 JBE 2016;

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the affected areas of Louisiana and surrounding states require that the movements of operators of commercial motor carriers traveling on the public highways of the state of Louisiana for the purpose of emergency preparedness and disaster relief efforts be expedited; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 32:387 confers that the Governor may delegate the authority to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development to waive the requirements relative to the rules of permits for the purpose of disaster, emergency or emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, to deal with emergency disasters and to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, including the authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, SHAWN DAVID WILSON, Secretary of Department of Transportation and Development, State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The following size and weight of all vehicles transporting commodities for the purpose of emergency preparedness and disaster relief on roadways maintained by the state of Louisiana shall not exceed the following limitations:

A. Maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) or more weight bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty (40) feet, but less than fifty-one (51) feet, shall not exceed ninety thousands (90,000) pounds.

No single axle vehicle shall exceed twenty thousands (20,000) pounds in weight. No group of two (2) axles vehicles shall exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds in weight. No group of three (3) axles vehicles shall exceed forty-eight thousands (48,000) pounds in weight except with a permit issued by the Department of Transportation and Development ("DOTD"); and

B. Maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) or more weightbearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than fifty-one (51) feet shall not exceed ninety-five thousands (95,000) pounds. No single axle vehicle shall exceed twenty thousand (20,000) pounds in weight. No group of two (2) axles vehicles shall exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds in weight. No group of three (3) axles vehicles shall exceed forty-eight thousand (48,000) pounds in weight, except with a permit issued by DOTD; and

C. Maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with four (4) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty-three (43) feet shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds. No single axle vehicle shall exceed twenty thousand (20,000) pounds in weight. No group of two (2) axles vehicles shall exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds in weight. No group of three (3) axles vehicles shall exceed forty-eight thousand (48,000) pounds in weight, except with a permit issued by DOTD; and

D. Maximum dimensions shall not exceed fourteen (14) feet wide, fourteen (14) feet high, and ninety-five (95) feet long on Interstate highways and fourteen (14) feet wide, thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches high, and ninety-five (95) feet long on non-Interstate highways. Carriers, owners, and/or drivers of any vehicle being operated under this Order are responsible for verifying in advance that the actual dimensions and weight of the vehicle/load are acceptable for all routes being traveled.

E. Any vehicle greater than eight (8) feet six (6) inches wide and less than or equal to fourteen (14) feet wide may travel during daylight hours only, beginning thirty (30) minutes before sunrise and ending thirty (30) minutes after sunset.

SECTION 2: Nothing in this Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle transporting commodities for disaster preparedness and relief to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, or relieve any vehicle or carrier, owner or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified, or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.

SECTION 3: Nothing in this Order shall be construed or interpreted as being applicable to travel on non-state maintained highways, or as being applicable to construction

and building projects that are not in support of rescue, recovery and repair efforts associated with the emergency which prompted the emergency declaration in Proclamation No. 111 JBE 2016.

SECTION 4: This Order shall be effective on August 15, 2016, until August 22, 2016 unless amended or modified.

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