



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Oregon Department of Transportation

Office of the Director

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ATTN: Motor Carriers

RE: Emergency Order Granting Suspension of Certain Motor Carrier Regulations in Response to Governor Kotek's Statewide Emergency Declaration

Due to severe ice storms and hazardous conditions, Governor Kotek has declared a state of emergency across the state of Oregon. Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 390.23(b), motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance for emergency relief efforts related to this emergency are exempted from hours of service rules in 49 CFR 395.3 and 395.5 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. This is an extension of Administrator Ramsdell's January 16 emergency declaration, and is effective until 6pm PST, January 30, 2024.

Note the following:

Motor carriers or drivers currently subject to an out-of-service order are not eligible for the exemption until the order expires or they have met the conditions for its rescission.

This exemption shall not exceed the duration of direct assistance in providing emergency relief.

Nothing contained in this declaration shall be construed as an exemption from the controlled substances and alcohol use and testing requirements (49 CFR Part 382), the commercial driver's license requirements (49 CFR Part 383), the financial responsibility (insurance) requirements (49 CFR Part 387), operating authority (49 CFR Part 365) or any other portion of the regulations not specifically identified.

You must comply with all size and weight regulations. Vehicles responding to emergencies are still required to enter open scale facilities when a sign posted before the scale reads "All Trucks Over 20,000# GVWR Next Right", or with a GVWR of 10,000# or greater without this posted sign, unless they are operating with red warning lights and/or siren.

If stopped, be sure to let enforcement personnel know that you are responding to an emergency. The vehicle may be allowed to proceed and obtain required permits and/or credentials as soon as possible afterwards.

Thank you,

Kristopher W. Strickler
Director, Oregon Department of Transportation