



WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Division of Highways**

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Byrd E. White, III  
Secretary of Transportation/  
Commissioner of Highways

March 25, 2020

Jimmy Wriston, P. E.  
Deputy Secretary/  
Deputy Commissioner

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

**FROM:** Secretary Byrd E. White, III  
Secretary of Transportation/  
Commissioner of Highways

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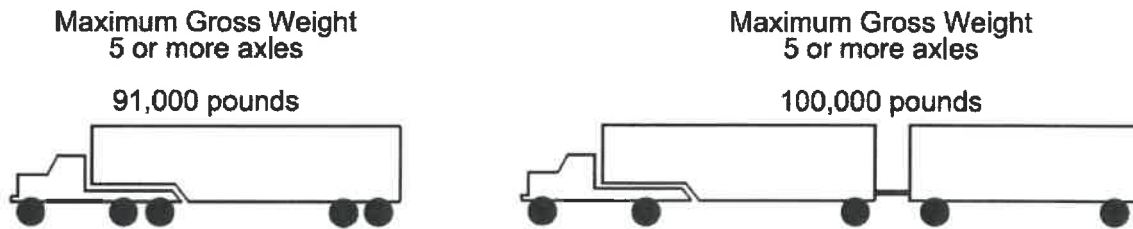
**SUBJECT:** Waiver and Special Permit for carriers transporting essential supplies in response to the Coronavirus disease (COVID19) outbreak

In order to respond to the outbreak of the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and in an effort to assist in other areas of the United States, the Secretary of Transportation/Commissioner of Highways is seeking relief for all carriers transporting essential supplies throughout the State of West Virginia in an effort to support the relief efforts.

As a result, the Secretary of Transportation/Commissioner of Highways authorizes a temporary waiver and special permit allowing haulers to travel while carrying these vital relief supplies. This waiver is effective beginning 5:00 PM, March 25, 2020 until 5:00 PM June 25, 2020, and includes an exemption which activates the FMCSA Section 390.23 Relief of Regulations, including hours of service. This waiver only pertains to statewide shippers and carriers associated with emergency relief efforts.

This memorandum will also serve as a special permit for haulers transporting essential supplies utilizing a tractor/semi-trailer combination vehicle or a tractor/semi-trailer/trailer combination vehicle with 5 or more axles to travel at a weight not to exceed the maximum gross weight (GVWR) criteria established by the manufacturer or the limits specified below when traveling on any Interstate Route or National Network. The official WVDOH Size Map identifies all Interstate and National Network routes with a yellow designation. In addition to the maximum gross weight limits, the following axle and width limit will apply:

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Single Axle Limit = 20,000 pounds  
Tandem Axle Limit = 37,000 pounds combined  
Tridem Axle Limit = 50,000 pounds combined

**Please note that this special permit does not allow any vehicle to travel any posted bridge with a gross weight greater than the posted limit of the bridge.**

**If a commercial vehicle needs to carry relief supplies at a size or weight greater than listed above, or travel on any route not covered by this special permit, they can order a single trip oversize/overweight hauling permits at <http://wv.gotpermits.com>.**

**For a hauler to take advantage of the provisions contained herein, a copy of this memorandum and special permit must always be kept in the vehicle.**

**To obtain a copy of the WVDOH size map please visit the following website [https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/programplanning/preliminary\\_engineering/Documents/vehiclesize.pdf](https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/programplanning/preliminary_engineering/Documents/vehiclesize.pdf).**

**This information is for immediate dissemination to preclude inadvertent ticketing or detention. Multi-agency support and cooperation is appreciated. Please refer all questions to Mr. Todd Gibson at (304) 767-5526.**

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