



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 19-8**

DOTD DISASTER RELIEF FOR VEHICLES, TRUCKS AND LOADS

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, 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;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamation No. 111 JBE 2019, a state of emergency was declared the 10th day of July 2019, for Tropical Storm Barry and is currently in effect;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 29:724 confers upon the Governor the authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for the 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; and

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 including, but not limited to, the transportation of fuel, generators, food, and water and necessary provisions and utilities be expedited.

NOW THEREFORE I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the 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: With respect to commercial motor carriers traveling on public highways of the State of Louisiana for the purpose of emergency preparedness and disaster relief efforts, the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 32:386 are hereby suspended and the following size and weight restrictions for such vehicles shall be as follows:

- 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) axle vehicles shall exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds in weight. No group of three (3) axle vehicles shall exceed forty-eight thousands (48,000) pounds in weight except with a permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (hereafter "Department").

- B. Maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) or more weight-bearing 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) axle vehicles shall exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds in weight. No group of three (3) axle vehicles shall exceed forty-eight thousand (48,000) pounds in weight, except with a permit issued by the Department.
- 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) axle vehicles shall exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds in weight. No group of three (3) axle vehicles shall exceed forty-eight thousand (48,000) pounds in weight, except with a permit issued by the Department.
- 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. This includes, but is not limited to, areas deemed by Federal, state, or local officials as inaccessible due to damages caused by Tropical Storm Barry, overhead structures and/or construction areas.
- 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: The commercial vehicle regulatory requirements regarding the purchase of trip permits for registration and fuel for commercial motor carriers engaged in disaster relief efforts in the state of Louisiana shall be waived. This permit waiver also applies to such vehicles/loads with weights and dimensions not exceeding those described in Section 1(A) through (D) above. However, such permits shall be obtained from the Louisiana Department and Transportation and Development for vehicles exceeding those weights.

SECTION 3: Nothing in this Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle 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 4: 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 Tropical Storm Barry recovery and repair efforts.

SECTION 5: This Order is effective upon signature and shall be applicable through Friday, July 26, 2019, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of
Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton
Rouge, on this 12th day of July, 2019



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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