



## WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** JIMMY GIANTO, DIRECTOR  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
ALL AFFECTED AGENCIES  
AND SHIPPERS/CARRIERS

**FROM:** PAUL A. MATTOX, JR., P. E.  
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION/  
COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS

**SUBJECT:** WAIVER TO CARRIERS RESPONDING TO  
SEVERE STORMS OF OCTOBER 30, 2012

The West Virginia Department of Transportation is hereby granting this Special Permit for oversize vehicles that are transporting Mobile Home Units up to a gross vehicle weight of 54,000 lbs. on 5-8 axle combination vehicles into and through West Virginia in support of emergency relief efforts to areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. Pursuant to Statute 17C-17-11, this Special Permit is being issued to allow the transport of loads that cannot be easily dismantled or divided and that are delivering emergency equipment or supplies intended to offer relief and comfort to stricken areas. The holder of this Special Permit addresses the permitting requirements for oversize vehicles as specified under West Virginia Statute 17C-17-11 in order to operate an oversize vehicle combination on the roadways of this state in support of this relief effort. This Special Permit is valid for any truck/trailer combination up to the following vehicle configuration limits.

<u>LOAD DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MAX. WIDTH (FT.)</u>	<u>MAX. HEIGHT (FT.)</u>	<u>MAX. LENGTH (FT.)</u>	<u>MAX. GROSS WEIGHT (LBS.)</u>	<u># AXLES</u>	<u>MAX. AXLE WEIGHTS (LBS.)</u>
<u>MOBILE HOME UNIT</u>	14"	14' 2"	100"	54,000	5-8	Single Axle 22,400 Tandem Axle 34,000

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In addition, any vehicle combinations operating under this permit is subject to the following over-dimensional conditions/restrictions. In selecting a route for this load, the operator must ensure that the load can safely clear all structures along the route selected. The operator accepts all liability for any damage incurred in the movement of these vehicles across the state highway system. If the carrier is uncertain if the load can safely clear their route to their destination, they may have a route survey conducted or they may contact WVDOT's Permit Office at (304) 558-0384 for guidance on roadway clearances along their preferred route.

The transport of this load under this permit over West Virginia highways is also being granted a waiver of the nighttime and holiday restrictions only while traveling to this declared emergency and associated relief efforts.

This permit is only valid for the transport of mobile homes to or from this declared emergency and associated relief efforts, and shall be valid for a period of forty-five (45) days, and subject to renewal if necessary, from the date above. A copy of this permit must be carried in the vehicle during transport and presented to law enforcement upon request. Priority of the road must be given to other traffic at all times.

Nothing in this permit 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, or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.

The transportation of vehicle loads must comply with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation part 392.9A. The "cargo must be properly distributed and adequately secured". The "cargo or any other object must not obscure the driver's view ahead or to the right or left sides" and "the vehicle's body attachments and means of fastening the cargo are secured".

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cc: AC, CC, CA, CH, HO, OM, All DE/DM's, All Maintenance Engineers