



**FLOODING
AHEAD**

Governor's Proclamation

June 3, 2011

Q&A



Commercial Driver License and Commercial Motor Carrier Proclamation QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Does the proclamation apply to travel only within the designated counties?

- No, the proclamation covers all travel in Iowa that involves flood protection, mitigation, recovery services, or equipment and material provided to the designated disaster counties.

What counties are covered by the proclamation?

- Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury

Movement of what type of goods and services are covered under the proclamation?

- Flood protection, mitigation, and recovery services
- Equipment and materials related to the flood
- Stores of products (soybeans, corn, hay, straw, strover) and livestock transported to protect them from flood damage or loss

What is the maximum allowable gross weight limit?

- 88,000 pounds gross weight
- This proclamation excludes travel on the interstate. The maximum gross weight on the interstate system is 80,000 pounds.

What is the maximum allowable axle weight limit?

- The weight limit per axle cannot exceed 10 percent more than the normal legal maximum axle weight.
- No load can exceed the legal maximum weight limit of 20,000 pounds.

How long is the proclamation in effect?

- The declaration was effective June 3, 2011, and will remain in effect for 30 days.

What hours of service requirements are being waived?

- The 11-hour rule is waived.
- If informed by the driver, a motor carrier must give a fatigued or ill driver at least 10 consecutive hours off duty before they are required to return to service.
- A motor carrier must give a driver at least 34 consecutive hours off duty when the driver has been on duty for more than 70 hours in eight consecutive days.

Are out-of-state motor carriers required to get trip and fuel permits if responding to the disaster?

- No

What roads and bridges are covered by the proclamation?

- All Iowa roads and bridges, except interstate highways or any road or bridge with a posted weight limit.

What driver age limit is waived?

- The requirement that Iowa-based interstate commercial motor vehicle drivers be at least age 21 years of age is waived for drivers engaged in the flood response.

Are motor carrier safety regulations related to vehicle safety suspended?

- No, all vehicle safety regulations still apply.

Are commercial vehicle drivers still required to meet all controlled substances and alcohol use and testing requirements?

- Yes

What drivers are exempted from the medical card requirement?

- Iowa-based drivers engaged in the flood response.

Can a motor carrier that has an out-of-service order take advantage of the relief from regulations covered under the proclamation?

- No

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

- For general questions regarding the provisions of this proclamation, call: 800-925-6469 (8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. M-F)
- For motor carrier permits, call: 515-237-3264 (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M-F)
- For emergency motor carrier permits, call: 515-689-1953 (after normal business hours)