WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
EMERGENCY RELIEF PERMIT DIRECTIVE

April 13, 2020

EMERGENCY RELIEF PERMITS

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Wyoming are faced with a state of emergency due to the global outbreak of a novel coronavirus named COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared the emergency to be a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Wyoming declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency in the State of Wyoming on March 13, 2020 (Executive Order 2020-2); and

WHEREAS, I, K. Luke Reiner, Director of the Wyoming Department of Transportation, have determined that the COVID-19 emergency has created a situation of economic hardship, and the general welfare of the State of Wyoming and other states would benefit from the issuance of emergency relief size and weight permits (emergency relief permits); and


(i) The operation of the vehicles under emergency relief permits would relieve the COVID-19 emergency that is detrimental to the economy and general welfare of Wyoming and other states; and

(ii) By engineering evaluation, the highways and bridges in question have geometrical and structural capacity adequate to accommodate emergency relief permitted vehicles and allow their operation safely and compatibly with other traffic on the highways; and

(iii) Federal highway funds will not be withdrawn by the issuance of emergency relief permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Wyoming, I, K. Luke Reiner, do hereby direct that:

1. In accordance with Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-18-804(n) and Department of Transportation Rules, Motor Carrier, Size and Weight Limitations of Vehicles, Chapter 5, Section 24(a), the issuance of emergency relief permits is in effect; and

2. These emergency relief permits waive the allowable size and weight fees for all applicable Wyoming highways for motor carriers that provide:
   a. Direct support to the emergency efforts; or
   b. Deliveries of water goods, heating oil, motor fuels, propane, agricultural products, agricultural supplies, livestock and poultry, livestock and poultry feed, forest products, removal of waste, or for providing restoration of utilities; and
3. Nothing contained in this Directive shall be construed as an exemption from the controlled substances, alcohol use and testing requirements (49 CFR § 382), the commercial driver's license requirements (49 CFR § 383), the financial responsibility requirements (49 CFR § 387), applicable size and weight requirements, required safety measures, or any other portion of the rules or regulations not specifically identified in this Directive; and

4. Non-divisible and divisible loads may be permitted, as long as maximum allowable weights are not exceeded for axles, bridges, and gross weights; and

5. Transportation and delivery companies operating under an emergency relief permit, shall not require or allow any fatigued driver to operate a commercial vehicle. A driver who informs a carrier that he/she needs immediate rest shall be given adequate rest before the driver is allowed to return to service.

This Directive will expire upon the conclusion of the emergency, but no later than midnight, May 31, 2020.

This Directive is effective April 13, 2020

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K. Luke Reiner
Director, Wyoming Department of Transportation