

**FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION**  
**TRUCK INSPECTION**  
**SAFETY NOTICE**  
**February 16, 2021**

**Subject: Emergency Relief from Motor Carrier Safety Regulations**

Salem, OR—On February 11, 2021, Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency for Benton, Clackamas, Hood River, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill counties. Severe storms are causing heavy snow, ice accumulations, and high winds throughout the Willamette Valley and Columbia River Gorge resulting in critical transportation failures and loss of power and communication capabilities.

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 390.23(a), motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance for emergency relief efforts related to these emergency conditions are exempted from Parts 390 to 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations until February 20, 2021. This notice will be updated if emergency conditions exits after this date.

Motor carriers or drivers currently subject to an out-of-service order are not eligible for the exemption until the order expires or they have met the conditions for its rescission.

Nothing contained in this declaration shall be construed as an exemption from the controlled substances and alcohol use and testing requirements (49 CFR Part 382), the commercial driver's license requirements (49 CFR Part 383), the financial responsibility (insurance) requirements (49 CFR Part 387), operating authority (49 CFR Part 365), applicable size and weight requirements, or any other portion of the regulations not specifically identified.

The 390.23 exemption shall not exceed the duration of the motor carriers' or drivers' direct assistance in providing emergency relief. Upon termination of direct assistance to the emergency relief effort, the driver may return empty to the motor carrier's terminal or driver's normal work reporting location without complying with the regulations.

If, in the course of your inspection duties, you stop a commercial motor vehicle providing services in support of this emergency, or returning empty, DO NOT perform a truck inspection of any kind.

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