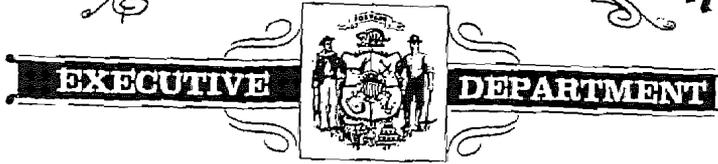


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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 386

Relating to the Proclamation of an Energy Emergency

WHEREAS, the health, welfare, and economic well-being of the citizens of Wisconsin depend on energy resources and fuel; and

WHEREAS, there has been unusually cold weather in Wisconsin and there is an imperative need for energy resources and fuel; and

WHEREAS, the availability of energy resources and fuel has been reduced; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical shortage of energy resources or fuel currently available in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, allowing the transportation of overweight loads of petroleum products within this state, in a safe manner and as described in this order, will benefit the citizens of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of Wisconsin and by ss. 166.03(1)(b)1, 340.01(15s), and 348.17(3), of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby declare the present condition of unusually cold weather, along with the shortage of petroleum products and fuel to be a natural disaster and hereby proclaim the entire State of Wisconsin to be in a state of emergency for a period of 14 calendar days.

PURSUANT to said state of emergency, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Wisconsin, and ss. 166.03(1)(b)1, 340.01(15s), and 348.17(3), Wisconsin Statutes, I HEREBY ORDER THAT:

(1) Notwithstanding ss. 348.15, 348.16, and 348.25(4), Wis. Stats., during the period of the state of emergency, persons are allowed to transport loads of petroleum products and fuel exceeding the statutory weight limitations by 15% of the gross vehicle weight, and 10% of the gross axle and axle combination weight limits, but only in vehicles having a registered gross weight of 50,000 pounds or more.

(2) This emergency authorization is not valid on any part of the national system of interstate and defense highways, except for that portion of USH 51 between Wausau and STH 78 and that portion of STH 78 between USH 51 and the Interstate 90/94 interchange near Portage, designated as Interstate 39.

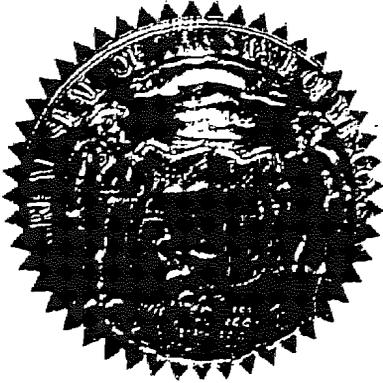
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(3) This order does not suspend the operation of any state or federal laws within the State of Wisconsin except as specifically described in the order. All other laws remain in full force and will be enforced. This order does not authorize any person transporting fuel to exceed any statutory vehicle width, length, or height limit. This order does not authorize the use of unregistered or improperly registered vehicles. Vehicles registered in other jurisdictions and not entitled to reciprocity, or not registered for use in Wisconsin through the International Registration Plan, must obtain a permit as provided in s. 341.41, Wis. Stats. Motor carriers transporting petroleum products or fuel for hire must have proper authority to operate in this State, as provided by s. 194.04, Wis. Stats., and must meet the insurance requirements of ss. 194.41 or 194.42, Wis. Stats. Carriers must satisfy all ordinarily applicable federal and Wisconsin requirements concerning vehicle equipment, vehicle operations and driver qualifications and conduct.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.



  
TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State