

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 238

Proclamation of a State of Emergency Relating to the Transportation of Abrasives or Salt For Highway Winter Maintenance

WHEREAS, heavy snow, rain, and ice have recently covered Wisconsin highways and falling temperatures prevent natural melting and runoff; and

WHEREAS, allowing the transportation of abrasives or salt for highway winter maintenance of Wisconsin highways in a safe manner as described in this order will benefit persons traveling on Wisconsin highways; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical shortage of abrasives or salt for highway winter maintenance currently available in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has no objection to me exempting drivers of commercial motor vehicles transporting abrasives or salt for highway winter maintenance from the Wisconsin and federal hours of service restrictions in 49 C.F.R. Part 395 and Wis. Admin. Code, Ch. Trans 327; and no objection to allowing this exemption to apply to the national system of interstate and defense highways;

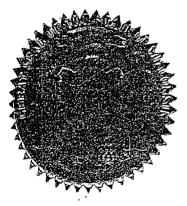
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of Wisconsin sections 166.03(1)(b)1, of the Wisconsin Statutes, and 49 C.F.R. sections 390.23 and 390.25, hereby declare the currently existing heavy snow, rain, and ice covering Wisconsin highways to be a natural disaster and hereby proclaim the entire State of Wisconsin to be in a state of emergency for a period of 10 days, effective beginning February 6, 2008 and expiring at midnight on February 16, 2008.

PURSUANT to said state of emergency, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Wisconsin, sections 166.03(1)(b)1, Wisconsin Statutes, and 49 C.F.R. sections 390.23 and 390.25, I HEREBY ORDER THAT:

- (1) Drivers of commercial motor vehicles directly involved in transporting abrasives or salt for highway winter maintenance are exempted from Wisconsin and federal hours of service restrictions in 49 C.F.R. Part 395 and Wis. Admin. Code, Ch. Trans 327. This exemption applies to all highways in Wisconsin, including the national system of interstate and defense highways.
- (2) No motor carrier operating under the terms of this emergency declaration shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle. A driver who notifies a motor carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least 10 consecutive hours off-duty before the driver is required to return to service.



(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 the use of unregistered vehicles. If the vehicle is required to be registered by Wisconsin law, registration shall be at not less than the permit weight or at the maximum available registration weight, whichever is less. Vehicles registered in other states and not entitled to reciprocity, or not registered for use in Wisconsin through the International Registration Plan, are not required to obtain an IRP credential for all states as provided in section 341.41, Wis. Stats.; are not required to have a single state registration system credential for all states pursuant to section 341.405, Wis. Stats.; and are not required to have an International Fuel Tax Agreement credential for all states. Vehicles registered in other states and not entitled to reciprocity, or not registered for use in Wisconsin through the International Registration Plan, or the International Fuel Tax Agreement, are not required to obtain a temporary fuel and registration permit (72-hour trip permit) pursuant to Ch. Trans 146, Wis. Admin. Code. Motor carriers hauling abrasives or salt for highway winter maintenance must have proper authority to operate in this State, as provided by section 194.04, Wis. Stats., and must meet the insurance requirements of sections 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.



By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretar# of State

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 fifth day of February in the year two thousand and eight.

JIM DOYLE Governor