AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW FOOD TRUCK SERVICE AT INTERSTATE REST AREAS DURING COVID-19 NATIONAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

The Federal Highway Administration has authorized state Departments of Transportation to allow food trucks at interstate rest areas to support commercial truck drivers during the COVID-19 national public health emergency. Therefore, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) hereby authorizes _____ [*Name of Food Service Provider*] to operate a food truck at the _____ rest area, subject to the following conditions:

1. _____ will comply with all state and federal restaurant statutes, rules and regulations, including obtaining and having in its possession any and all business and other permits required to operate a food truck business, and proof of insurance.
2. Prior to commencing operations, _____ shall obtain NMDOT's approval of the number of food trucks to be operated at the _____ rest area, the hours of operation, and other conditions as determined by NMDOT.
3. _____ will adhere to all social distance protocol, including maintaining at least 6-foot social distancing from other individuals, avoiding person-to-person contact, directing employees to wash their hands frequently, and ensuring all surfaces from which it prepares and serves food are routinely disinfected.
4. _____ hereby releases NMDOT from any and all causes of action, claims, demands and damages arising from any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, bodily injuries and damages to property that may be sustained by _____ or its employees or agents as a result of its use of the _____ rest area in accordance with this Authorization.
5. _____ agrees to indemnify NMDOT and the State of New Mexico and to hold them harmless from any and all claims of injury to persons or property arising out of the negligent acts, errors or omissions of _____, its employees, agents, and customers in the use of the _____ rest area in accordance with this Authorization.
6. This Authorization shall remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 national health emergency and shall automatically terminate upon expiration of the emergency or unless terminated sooner by NMDOT at its sole discretion. Upon termination of this Authorization, _____ shall immediately vacate the _____ rest area.
7. This Authorization may not be transferred, assigned or conveyed to another party.

I hereby agree to abide by the above-requirements as a condition of operating a food truck at the _____ rest area and further agree that I will vacate the said rest area immediately upon expiration of the COVID-19 national health emergency or upon termination of this Authorization by NMDOT.

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[Name and Title]
[Name of Business]

APPROVED:

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[NMDOT Official]	Date