ORDER FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERMITS TO ASSIST WITH GROCERY SUPPLY EFFORTS

Under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 323.12(4) and the public health emergency declared in Executive Order #72, I, Governor Tony Evers, order that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation may issue permits for the transportation of inventory to supply grocery retailers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as follows:

Overweight permits may be issued by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and fees shall be waived for transportation of inventory to supply grocery retailers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic on Wisconsin highways. "Wisconsin highways" includes the National Defense Highway System pursuant to 23 USC 127(i).

This order does not apply to class II highways (https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/dmv/com-drv-vehs/mtr-car-trkr/ssnl-wt-rsrctns/class2text.pdf), posted bridges, and local highways with special and seasonal weight limit postings.

A permit issued under this order does not authorize the operation of any vehicle combination at a maximum gross weight in excess of 88,000 pounds. A permit may only authorize weights not more than 10 percent greater than the gross axle, gross axle combination, or gross vehicle weight limitations under Wis. Stat. §§ 348.15 and 348.16.

Interstate and intrastate carriers providing direct emergency relief to supply grocery retailers are relieved from the requirements contained in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Title 49 C.F.R. Parts 390-399 and Wis. Admin. Code TRANS 325 and 327, subject to the restrictions and limitations described under 49 C.F.R. § 390.23. The relief under this paragraph is valid for the duration of the motor carrier's assistance in the relief effort or until April 11, 2020 (30 days after Executive Order #72) or the duration of Executive Order #72, whichever is less.

This order also authorizes the wavier of fees required by Wis. Stats. §§ 341.405, 341.41(7), and 341.45 to obtain a 72-hour trip permit for vehicles travelling into Wisconsin that are not registered in Wisconsin nor enrolled in the International Registration Plan (IRP) or the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA).

Except as provided in this order, all other applicable state and federal laws remain in full force and effect. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation may suspend, alter, or amend the permit as necessary.

Except as specifically provided otherwise, this order expires on March 28, 2020.

Tony Evers

Tony Evers
Governor
State of Wisconsin

3/14/20

Date