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Weather Related Waivers, Notices, Suspensions

TXTA/SMA is gathering weather related waivers, notices and suspensions as they become available. As we receive them, we will send them to the membership and include all previous notifications so you have them in one place. Newest notices will be listed first.

Current waivers, notices and suspensions:

- TxDMV Suspension Notice
- Suspension of Motor Carrier Vehicle Size and Weight Requirements
- Notice to LPG, CNG AND LNG Operators Transport Waiver for Alternative Fuels

TxDmv Suspension Notice

The State continues to respond to Texas Governor Greg Abbott's extreme winter weather disaster declaration for all 254 Texas counties. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) is now temporarily suspending International Registration Plan (IRP) and 72-hour and 144-hour permitting requirements for vehicles and loads associated with activities necessary to respond to the disaster. A copy of Gov. Greg Abbott's Declaration and the TxDMV Suspension Notice must be carried in the vehicle, both of which are attached below.

Additionally, President Joseph Biden has approved an emergency declaration for Texas which can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/3554>. This authorizes Texas to issue

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Administration on use of this permit is available [online](#).

TxDMV Suspension Notice

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles has temporarily suspended:

- The IRP vehicle registration requirements under Transportation Code Section 502.091 and Title 43, Section 217.56 of the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent the vehicle is not already registered under the IRP and as long as the vehicle is registered in one of the 48 contiguous states of the United States; and
- The 72-hour and 144-hour temporary registration permit requirements under Transportation Code Section 502.094 and Title 43, Section 217.40(b)(3) of the Texas Administrative Code, as long as the vehicle is registered in one of the states of the United States.

Examples of disaster assistance include, but are not limited to, vehicles engaged in the transport of relief workers, food, water, clothing, equipment, medical supplies, materials, fuel, shelter, and other supplies to the disaster areas, as well as vehicles used to restore utilities and to remove debris from the disaster areas listed in the disaster declaration. The suspensions do not apply to any requirement not specifically listed in this notice, including safety and insurance requirements. Also, operators are responsible and liable for safely routing their vehicles and obtaining current information concerning hazardous road conditions prior to movement.

The operator of the commercial vehicle must keep the following documentation in the cab of the vehicle and provide the documentation to any Texas peace officer upon request:

- a copy of this notice; and
- a copy of the Governor's disaster declaration, including any amendments.

These suspensions remain in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the disaster declaration referenced above expires.

Suspension of Motor Carrier Vehicle Size and Weight Requirements Under Disaster Declaration Regarding Severe Winter

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In accordance with the disaster declaration issued by Governor Greg Abbott on February 12, 2021, and as amended, the following vehicle size and weight requirements are suspended, effective February 12, 2021, for operators of commercial vehicles to travel in and through the state of Texas to provide disaster assistance in Texas, subject to the restrictions listed in this notice:

"the oversize and overweight permitting requirements under Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623, as well as Title 43, Chapter 219 of the Texas Administrative Code, for all divisible and non-divisible vehicles and loads

Read the full notice on [TxDMV's website](#).

NOTICE TO LPG, CNG AND LNG OPERATORS Transport Waiver for Alternative Fuels

The ongoing winter storm affecting Texas has increased the need for the transportation of alternative fuels in Texas. The alternative fuels regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) are Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG, LP-Gas Propane), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). Pursuant to the disaster declaration issued by the Office of the Governor of February 12th, 2021, the Office of the Governor has waived RRC enforcement of certain statutes and rules relating to the transport of alternative fuels.

Pursuant to the Governor's waiver and in an effort to proactively mitigate the potential increase in demand for the transportation of alternative fuels, RRC is waiving the requirements for companies to have a license for the transportation of alternative fuels and the registration of units transporting alternative fuels in Texas. All transport units must meet US DOT regulations and must meet the minimum insurance requirements in Texas Administrative Code Chapters 9, 13 and 14, as applicable, to qualify for the waiver. The waiver will remain in effect until March 2, 2021 unless terminated sooner by the Office of the Governor. Operators with any questions regarding this Notice are advised to contact RRC Alternative Fuels Services Department.

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