



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: SHAWN D. WILSON, Ph.D.
SECRETARY

DATE: October 27, 2020

SUBJECT: Special Permits for Rice Transportation on Interstate Highway

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On October 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4570-DR in response to Hurricane Delta. The Disaster Declaration includes the parishes of Acadia, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, and Vermilion.

Section 127 of title 23, U.S.C., establishes weight limitations for vehicles operating on the Interstate System. Under Section 127, the overall gross weight of vehicles and divisible loads may not exceed 80,000 lbs. Notwithstanding any other provision of 23 U.S.C. 127, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) authorizes the state to issue special permits during an emergency to overweight vehicles and divisible loads. The state may, in its discretion, issue special permits during an emergency to overweight vehicles and divisible loads if:

- The President has declared an emergency or a major disaster under the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5121, et seq.);
The permits are issued in accordance with State law; and
The permits are issued exclusively to vehicles and loads that are delivering relief supplies, which may include food supplies.

Pursuant to Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4570-DR, the Secretary hereby authorizes issuance of special permits of up to and including 100,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight for vehicles transporting rice on Interstate Highways to destinations within the geographical area of the Major Disaster Declaration. This special permit authorization is effective through November 25, 2020, unless amended, modified, or rescinded.

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