



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Executive Order No. BJ 2009 - 3

DOTD GUIDELINES FOR VEHICLES, TRUCKS & LOADS WHICH HAUL HAY FROM LOUISIANA TO TEXAS

WHEREAS, R.S. 32:387 sets forth the terms and conditions whereby vehicles hauling certain loads may be issued special permits by the Department of Transportation and Development if they are in excess of legal statutory size and weight limits;

WHEREAS, as a result of the effects of a severe and extended drought condition in areas of Texas, a dire necessity has arisen for oversize loads of hay to be expeditiously moved from Louisiana to Texas;

WHEREAS, the economic vitality of the farming industry is extremely dependent on the availability of hay for feed for the livestock; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide emergency assistance to Texas farmers, the State of Louisiana is willing to waive certain permits, fees, and other obligations normally incurred by transporters;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BOBBY JINDAL, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Department of Transportation and Development, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Revenue shall waive the following statutory requirements for the shipment of hay:

- A. The following sizes and weights for vehicles transporting hay on highways maintained by the State of Louisiana shall comply with the following limitation:
 - 1. All vehicles transporting round bales of hay shall be loaded and stacked side-by-side, across the trailer and shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in width and fourteen (14) feet in height without permits.
- B. Permit fees are waived for all carriers while engaged in the transportation of hay to the victims of the drought in Texas.
- C. The following requirements shall remain in effect:
 - 1. All such vehicles must travel during daylight hours only, beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset.
 - 2. All such vehicles must travel with the required signs and flags properly placed and indicating that they bear oversized loads.
 - 3. Vehicles must be equipped with mirrors so that drivers are able to have a clear view of the highway at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle.
 - 4. Loads must be securely bound to the transporting vehicles.

- D. Carriers, owners and/or drivers of any vehicle being operated under this Order are responsible for verifying in advance that the actual dimensions and weights of the vehicles and loads are acceptable for all routes being traveled.

SECTION 2.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and similar structures, or relieve any vehicle or carrier, owner or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified, or from any statute, rule, order or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.

SECTION 3.

This Order is effective upon signature and shall terminate on October 31, 2009, unless amended, modified, terminated or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 26th day of March, 2009.

/S/ Bobby Jindal
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Jay Dardenne
SECRETARY OF STATE