



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

THIS DOCUMENT CERTIFIES THAT THE BEARER IS A WORKER INVOLVED IN ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED TO FOOD, AGRICULTURE OR LIVESTOCK

The food and agriculture sector are specifically designated by federal and state authorities as critical infrastructure whose assets, systems, and networks are considered so vital that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on national and state security, national and state economic security and national and state public health & safety. The subject matters encompassed by essential critical infrastructure related to agriculture includes workers engaged in travel, business and labor related to the following:

- An agricultural worker and/or food production worker involved in the production of field crops, the manufacture of human food and/or the distribution of agricultural products and other human food through wholesale, retail, auction, market and/or foodservice distribution within a sector;
- A farm or nursery involved in the retail or wholesale sale of trees or plants; and/or a worker involved in horticulture, including floristry; or the mitigation of diseases and pests through the application of pesticides or herbicides;
- A retail or wholesale supplier of clothing and/or specialized garments related to agriculture or ranching; a retailer in the sale of firearms or ammunition;
- Agricultural production and distribution as well as employees engaged in the service, transportation or manufacture related thereto and the maintenance of equipment related to such production and distribution;
- Businesses conducting livestock shows as well as the training of racehorses or show horses; businesses, organizations, producers or farmers conducting agricultural events or festivals related to the planting, harvesting, production, marketing, or sale of any agricultural products;
- Public and private sector employees engaged in the regulation, inspection, service, transportation, manufacture, harvesting, wholesale, or retail sales related to agriculture production and distribution.

The Governor of Texas issued executive orders declaring in part that business activities may proceed without COVID-19 related limitations imposed by local government and prohibiting vaccine mandates and vaccine passports subject to legislative action. Furthermore, vehicle size and weight requirements are suspended 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, including, but not limited to, vehicles engaged in the transportation of relief workers, food, hay, water, clothing, equipment, medical supplies, materials, fuel, shelter, and other supplies to the disaster area(s), as well as vehicles used to restore utilities and to remove debris from the disaster area(s) listed in the disaster declaration. See the following link: https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/body-files/OSOW-Suspension-Ntc-Wildfires_DA-18MAR2022.pdf

State and local officials shall allow this worker to proceed unimpeded in the conducting of business and in travel related thereto.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Terry Keel, Assistant Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, at (512) 475-0134.

Certified by:

Sid Miller
Commissioner