



ERNIE FLETCHER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State

Frankfort
Kentucky

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STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR DAMAGE RELIEF CAUSED BY DROUGHT

WHEREAS, beginning in February 2007, Kentucky has experienced an exceptional and unseasonable outbreak of drought conditions, caused by higher than normal temperatures and limited rainfall and so continues today;

WHEREAS, these drought conditions are supported both by the Palmer Drought Index and the Crop Moisture Index, that all areas of the Commonwealth are now in severe to extreme conditions;

WHEREAS, due to the extreme drought conditions suffered by the Commonwealth and its effect on the agricultural community and the associated major losses in crop production, I, on August 29, 2007, requested that the United States Department of Agriculture issue a declaration, so that disaster assistance could be made available;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2007, United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, declared the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky a natural disaster area due to drought conditions and higher than normal temperatures; and

WHEREAS, commercial motor vehicles will be transporting hay, water, forage, and other supplies to the designated affected areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ernie Fletcher, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, under authorities vested in me by the Constitution of Kentucky and by Chapter 39 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and do hereby order and direct that:

1. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Vehicle Regulation is hereby directed to waive all economic requirements normally associated with intrastate and interstate motor transportation for all vehicles providing relief supplies, to include but not be limited to, hay and other livestock forage are authorized to travel through and into the Commonwealth of Kentucky without the payment of permit fees for oversized/overweight vehicles. Further, the Department is authorized to waive certain size and weight restrictions as they determine to be appropriate to meet the needs of the agricultural community. In order to insure the safety of the traveling public and its infrastructure, the carrier must obtain all necessary permits for route verification.
2. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Vehicle Regulation shall waive the requirements for commercial motor vehicles regarding IRP Registration requirements for those providing direct relief to the affected areas.



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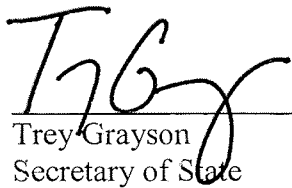
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3. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and all other agencies of state government shall work with and coordinate all waivers and relief activities with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and all public information and emergency information activities and releases related to this emergency.
4. All state, county and local law enforcement personnel are directed to enforce all regulations in coordination with the waivers as set forth herein. This shall apply only to those truck drivers transporting goods as part of this relief effort.


Ernie Fletcher, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky


Trey Grayson
Secretary of State