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TO: All Law Enforcement Agencies

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SUBJECT: Suspension of IRP, IFTA and UCR Requirements Due to Hurricane Sandy

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The Governors of Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia have proclaimed that a State of Emergency and a State of Disaster exists in those states due to Hurricane Sandy. They have requested assistance from States through which property-carrying vehicles must drive to deliver emergency aid. Specifically, they have requested that sister States allow exemptions for laws relating to trip permits, authorization, or licenses required for commercial vehicles traveling through such States and bearing equipment and supplies to provide relief.

To accomplish this, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles is temporarily suspending IRP, IFTA and UCR requirements for out-of-state vehicles transporting relief and humanitarian supplies to the victims of Hurricane Sandy; provided however, that the following conditions are satisfied.

1. The driver of any such vehicle to be operated is properly licensed in his/her state of residency.
2. Motor carriers and drivers currently subject to an out-of-service order are not eligible for the exemption until the order expires or they have met the condition for its rescission.
3. The motor vehicle to be operated is properly licensed and registered in this or any other state; and
 - a) The motor vehicle to be operated satisfies all motor vehicle insurance requirements or provisions of its state of registration.
 - b) Proof of insurance is required by South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 56, and must be carried in the cab of the motor vehicle.
 - c) Upon request, operators of exempted vehicles will be required to produce identification sufficient to identify the load and to establish that the vehicle's load will be used for emergency relief efforts associated with Hurricane Sandy. Such proof shall be carried in the cab of the motor vehicle and be made available for inspection upon request.

Nothing in this memorandum should be interpreted as waiving or suspending any other South Carolina traffic laws.

This temporary suspension of motor carrier requirements will be in effect until November 30, 2012. Please direct any questions to the Department of Motor Vehicles, Motor Carrier Services Section, at 803-896-3870.