STATE *of* NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26-18
Commercial Motor Carrier Relief

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency was declared by the Governor of Nebraska on March 12, 2026, following a series of destructive wildfires in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska wildfires and subsequent drought have severely impacted livestock feed and farm/ranch supplies within the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, commercial motor carriers operating within the State of Nebraska are providing direct assistance with feed and supplies to areas within the State of Nebraska subject to the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, commercial motor carriers operating within the State of Nebraska which are providing direct assistance to the above emergency require relief from regulations regarding hours of service and over-dimension restrictions to effectively assist the State of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, under and pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nebraska, hereby waive the following regulations for commercial motor carriers participating in direct relief operations for the above emergencies until 11:59 p.m. on September 11, 2026:

1. Maximum Hours of Service requirements, as provided by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Emergency Declaration 2026-002-08-11-2026. A copy of the order may be found at https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/msc-ne-extension-emergency-declaration-no-2026-002-08-11-2026 , and
2. Maximum load width limits under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 60-6,288 are limited to a load that does not exceed 12 feet in width. The maximum load height restriction shall be limited to 14 feet 6 inches under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 60-6,289; and
3. Maximum load weight limits may be increased to up to 15% over axle group limits as required by § 60-6,294; and
4. Participating motor carriers shall obtain over-dimension/over-weight permits as required by the Nebraska Department of Transportation prior to operating. Fees associated with these permits utilized in response to this emergency are waived;

permits may be obtained at https://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/permits/truck; and

5. The need for a 72-hour trip and/or fuel permit for motor carriers for the duration of direct response by that carrier to the wildfire emergency described herein.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 12th day of August, 2026.

Jim Pillen, Governor
State of Nebraska

Attest:

Robert Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska