



## **Important Notice for Motor Carriers**

### **Round Hay Bale Permit Requirements Suspended for Wildfire Relief**

Pursuant to the Governor's waiver letter issued on March 9, 2017, the width and height restrictions and oversize permitting requirements of Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623, are temporarily suspended for vehicles transporting cylindrical (round) hay bales to respond to the disaster.

This authorization applies to Carson, Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Potter, Roberts, and Wheeler counties and any Texas county through which transport is necessary to reach the disaster response area. The following exceptions apply:

- Weight restrictions are NOT suspended.
- Length restrictions are NOT suspended.
- Height restrictions are suspended.
- Width is limited to 12 feet.
- This document serves as a permit, as long as a copy of this document is in the vehicle.
- Motor carriers are responsible and liable for safe routing and for obtaining current restrictions and information concerning hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement. Restrictions are available at <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorcarriers/permit-restrictions>
- Movement is restricted to daylight hours.
- Vehicles may not travel across load-posted bridges when exceeding the posted capacity for gross or axle weights, unless the bridge provides the only public access to the disaster area.
- Motor carriers moving vehicles and/or loads exceeding 14 feet high must contact the TxDMV Motor Carrier Division at (800) 299-1700 during regular business hours to receive expedited routing and may use the free Bid Route feature in the Texas Permitting and Routing Optimization System (TxPROS) to obtain a route, <https://TxPROS.TxDmv.gov/>.
- Suspension of permitting requirements does not imply that a road, highway or bridge can safely accommodate the movement of an oversize vehicle and load. Motor carriers are responsible and liable for safely routing their vehicle and loads.

This suspension is in effect until midnight, March 31, 2017.

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