



**Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
Suspension of IRP and 72-/144-hour Temporary Registration Permits in Texas
Disaster Assistance – Hurricane Irma
September 20, 2017**

Governor Greg Abbott, Governor of the state of Texas, issued a proclamation on September 19, 2017 in which he suspended the following requirements for commercial vehicles traveling in or through the state of Texas to provide disaster assistance to the states directly affected by Hurricane Irma:

1. International Registration Plan (IRP) vehicle registration requirements under Section 502.091 of the Texas Transportation Code and Title 43, Section 217.56 of the Texas Administrative Code to the extent the vehicle is not already registered under IRP, as long as the vehicle is registered in one of the 48 contiguous states of the U.S.; and
2. 72-/144-hour temporary registration permit requirements under Section 502.094 of the Texas Transportation Code and Title 43, Section 217.40(b)(3) of the Texas Administrative Code, as long as the vehicle is registered in one of the states of the U.S.

Examples of disaster assistance include, but are not limited to, vehicles engaged in the transport of relief workers, food, water, clothing, equipment, materials, fuel, shelter, and other supplies to the impacted areas, as well as vehicles used to restore utilities and to remove debris from the impacted areas.

The suspension only applies to the vehicle registration requirements for operators of commercial vehicles that are providing disaster assistance pursuant to the declarations referenced in Governor Abbott's proclamation. The suspension does not apply to any other requirement, including any safety requirements. Also, operators are responsible and liable for safely routing their vehicles and obtaining current restrictions and information concerning hazardous road conditions prior to movement.

Operators must keep a copy of Governor Abbott's proclamation, this document, and the following documentation in the cab of the vehicle to provide to any peace officer upon request: documentation sufficient to identify the vehicle and/or load and to establish that the vehicle and/or load is being used exclusively for disaster relief efforts associated with Hurricane Irma while operating under Governor Abbott's suspension.

The suspension is in effect until October 18, 2017, or until terminated by the Office of the Governor.


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