

Motor Carrier Regulation if Declaration of Drought; HB 2202

HB 2202 provides that whenever the Governor or the U.S. Department of Agriculture declares all or any portion of the State is in a state of drought, certain conditions will apply to motor carriers transporting hay or related animal forage feedstuffs to the geographic area specified in the drought declaration. Those certain conditions are as follows:

- Motor carrier registration and fuel tax permits will be temporarily suspended;
- Licensing, certification, and permitting rules and regulations of the State Corporation Commission will be temporarily suspended;
- These motor carriers may not operate during the period beginning 30 minutes after sunset and ending 30 minutes before sunrise and will be required to comply with flags, signs, and lighting requirements applicable to overwidth vehicles;
- Motor carriers cannot operate during inclement weather;
- Oversize and overweight loads can not be transported when visibility is less than one-half mile or when conditions of moderate to heavy rain, sleet, snow, fog, or smoke exist, or when highway surfaces are slippery due to ice or packed snow; and
- Motor carriers cannot transport a load of more than 12 feet in width and 14 feet, six inches, in height.