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Kay Ivey  
Governor

John R. Cooper  
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Date: July 7, 2021

From:

George H. Conner, PE  
Deputy Director – Operations, ALDOT

Re: Termination of COVID-19 Movement of 90,000 lb. Gross Weight Vehicles  
on Five and Six Axles

The Governor's March 13, 2020 Proclamation of Public Health Emergency, and subsequent Supplemental Proclamations, was terminated on July 6, 2021 per the attached proclamation.

Accordingly, the attached April 6, 2020 memorandum "State of Alabama Public Health Emergency, COVID-19 Movement of 90,000 lbs. Gross Weight on Five and Six Axles" is **EXPIRED** effective July 7, 2021.

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Attachment: July 6, 2021 State of Alabama Proclamation by the Governor  
April 6, 2021 Memo: "State of Alabama Public Health Emergency, COVID-19 Movement of 90,000 lbs. Gross Weight on Five and Six Axles"

Cc: John Cooper, ALDOT  
Hal Taylor, ALEA  
Stacey Glass, ALDOT

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STATE OF ALABAMA  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, I declared the existence of a state public health emergency based on the appearance in the State of Alabama of the 2019 novel coronavirus known as COVID-19;

**WHEREAS** I issued supplemental emergency proclamations to further address the occurrence of COVID-19 in the State of Alabama on the following dates: March 18, 20, 23, and 26 of 2020; April 2, 3, and 13 of 2020; May 8 and 21 of 2020; June 9 and 30 of 2020; July 2, 15, and 29 of 2020; August 21 and 27 of 2020; September 30, 2020; November 5, 2020; December 9 and 11 of 2020; January 21, 2021; March 4, 12, and 22 of 2021; April 7, 2021; and May 3, 2021;

**WHEREAS** these supplemental proclamations included numerous emergency actions designed to cut red tape and as much government bureaucracy as possible as Alabamians sought to adjust to life during a pandemic;

**WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic presented a serious and unprecedented threat to public health, straining the capacity of our healthcare system and resulting in numerous hospitalizations and deaths;

**WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic also created serious and unprecedented problems for many other areas of society, especially for schools, churches, businesses, and the economy;

**WHEREAS** the State's response to the pandemic has involved not just government but individuals and organizations from all corners of Alabama, working together and sacrificing for the public good;

**WHEREAS**, although the pandemic is not over, our healthcare systems are better equipped to treat the COVID-19 virus, and effective vaccines are readily available;

**WHEREAS** our economic recovery ranks among the best in the Nation compared to that of other States; and

**WHEREAS** a state of emergency is therefore no longer presently necessary;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, Ala. Code §§ 31-9-1 *et seq.*, do hereby proclaim that the state of emergency pertaining to COVID-19 originally proclaimed on March 13, 2020, is terminated effective 11:59 p.m. C.S.T. on July 6, 2021.



IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this the 6th day of July 2021.

*Kay Ivey*

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ATTEST:

*J. H. Merrill*

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Secretary of State





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Subject:

State of Alabama Public Health Emergency, COVID-19  
Movement of 90,000 lbs. Gross Weight Vehicles on Five and Six Axles  
\*\* REVISION No. 2 \*\* March 24, 2020 Version and All Earlier Versions are Superseded

Reference is made to the Governor's Public Health Emergency Proclamation of March 13, 2020; the Supplemental Public Health Emergency Proclamation of March 20, 2020; the *Order of the State Health Officer Suspending Certain Public Gatherings Due to Risk of Infection by COVID-19 (Applicable Statewide) Amended April 3, 2020*; 23 USC 127(i) – Special Permits During Periods of National Emergency; and FEMA Major Disaster Declaration DR-4503 (Alabama COVID-19 Pandemic) dated March 29, 2020. In accordance with the above, the legal weight limit is modified as follows:

Vehicles (five-axle or six-axle only) providing direct assistance in support of relief efforts related to the COVID-19 outbreaks may carry 90,000 lbs. gross weight on state and interstate routes in Alabama, except as restricted herein.

This increase in weight limit does not provide any exception to the requirement to comply with any and all posted limits for weight, size, or configuration. The maximum gross weight for five-axle and six-axle vehicles may not be exceeded. Scale tolerances are not allowed for, and shall not be applied to, the gross weight of 90,000 lbs. Scale tolerances for the weight of axles and axle groups are allowed and may be applied.

Direct assistance means transportation of items to meet immediate needs for: (1) medical supplies and equipment related to the testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19; (2) supplies and equipment necessary for community safety, sanitation, and prevention of community transmission of COVID-19 such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, soap and disinfectants; (3) food, paper products and other grocery items for emergency restocking of distribution centers or stores; (4) immediate precursor raw materials – such as paper, plastic, or alcohol – that are required and to be used in the manufacture of items in categories 1, 2 and 3 above; (5) fuel, (6) manufacturing, agricultural, and timber products as described in the State Health Officer's Order (Amended) of April 3, 2020, (7) equipment and supplies necessary to establish and manage temporary housings, quarantine, and isolation facilities related to COVID-19; and (8) equipment and supplies necessary to establish and manage temporary housing, quarantine, and isolation facilities related to COVID-19.

Direct assistance does not include routine commercial deliveries, including mixed loads with a nominal quantity of qualifying emergency relief added to obtain the benefits of this higher weight limit.

A copy of this document must be carried in the vehicle and presented for inspection upon request. The March 24, 2020 version of this memorandum and all earlier versions are superseded.

Unless otherwise extended or terminated in writing, this increased weight limit for five-axle and six-axle vehicles is in effect for the duration of the Governor's Proclamation of a Public Health Emergency.

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