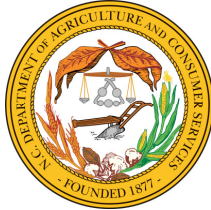


STEVE TROXLER  
COMMISSIONER



State of North Carolina  
*Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services*

September 7, 2017

MEMORANDUM

To: Commodity leaders

From: Steve Troxler   
Commissioner

RE: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

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Due to the approach and potential impacts of Hurricane Irma, the Governor has declared a State of Emergency for North Carolina. Hurricane Irma creates an imminent threat of severe economic loss of livestock, poultry and crops ready to be harvested. At my recommendation and pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.70(g), the Governor has directed the Department of Public Safety to temporarily suspend weighing those vehicles used to transport livestock, poultry or crops. The Governor has also declared that the maximum hours of service for drivers prescribed by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-381 should be waived.

A copy of Executive Order Nos. 20 and 21 are attached. Please share these executive orders with members of your commodity groups. If anyone is mistakenly stopped while trying to transport livestock, poultry, crops or feed, they should share the executive orders with law enforcement. Specifically, Section 8 of Executive Order No. 21 states "Upon request by law enforcement officers, exempted vehicles must produce documentation sufficient to establish their loads are being used for ... carrying feed for livestock and poultry, or transporting livestock and poultry, or crops ready to be harvested in the State of North Carolina."