



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY EXEMPTION FROM HOURS OF SERVICE OF DRIVERS**

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §14-163c and the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §14-163c-10, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles Michael R. Bzdyra has granted a limited exemption from the provisions of 49 CFR Part 395 governing Hours of Service of Drivers specifically for the **intrastate** transportation of diesel fuel, heating oil, kerosene, propane and gasoline in connection with emergency conditions resulting from extreme cold temperatures that began December 25<sup>th</sup> and are expected to last until the first week of January, 2018. **The emergency exemption is effective beginning December 28, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. EST.**

This emergency exemption relieves motor carriers from compliance with the Maximum Driving Time Regulations contained in 49 CFR §395.3 and adopted through CGS §14-163c only while providing direct assistance through the delivery of diesel fuel, heating oil, kerosene, propane and gasoline to Connecticut homes and businesses during the emergency. Direct assistance terminates when a driver or commercial motor vehicle is used in intrastate or interstate commerce to transport cargo not destined for the emergency relief effort or when the carrier dispatches such driver to another location to begin operations in commerce.

Nothing contained in this notice shall be construed as an exemption from the Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing Regulations (49 CFR Part 382), the Commercial Driver's License Regulations (49 CFR Part 383), the Minimum Levels of Financial Responsibility for Motor Carriers (49 CFR Part 387) and applicable size and weight requirements or any other portion of the statues or regulations not specifically identified herein.


Motor Carriers that have an Out-of-Service Order in effect cannot take advantage of the relief from the regulations that this declaration provides under CGS §14-163c and the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §14-163c-10. Motor carriers that have any suspension or revocation of registration privileges under CGS §14-35a or §14-215 cannot take advantage of relief from regulations.

No motor carrier operating under this notice shall require or permit a fatigued or ill driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle. A driver who informs a motor carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten consecutive hours off-duty before the driver is allowed to return to service.

Drivers of motor carriers that operate under the Notice of Emergency Exemption must have a copy of it in their possession.

Drivers who utilize this exemption may come back into compliance and restart the computation of maximum driving time after 24 hours off-duty which starts at the end of their extended-hours period.

Consistent with CGS §14-163c and the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §14-163c-10, this emergency exemption will remain in effect until **January 19, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EST** or until sooner terminated by the Commissioner.

  
Michael R. Bzdyra  
Commissioner  
State of Connecticut  
Department of Motor Vehicles

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Date