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To: Hal Miller, President  
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From: Melinda McGrath   
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RE: Temporary COVID-19 Weight Increase for Carriers of Certain Commodities

A National Emergency has been declared and states are allowed to issue overweight permits to commercial vehicles transporting commodities considered a divisible load on the interstate highways. To assist with the transportation and delivery of critical commodities due to the COVID-19 national emergency, the Mississippi Department of Transportation is waiving the required weight permits and fees and allowing a weight increase for commercial vehicles providing direct assistance supporting emergency relief efforts intended to meet the immediate need for:

- Medical supplies and equipment related to the testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19.
- Supplies and equipment, including masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, soap and disinfectants, necessary for healthcare worker, patient and community safety, sanitation, and prevention of COVID-19 spread in communities.
- Food for emergency restocking of stores.
- Equipment, supplies and persons necessary for establishment and management of temporary housing and quarantine facilities related to COVID-19.

The maximum gross weight under this allowance is 90,000 pounds on a 5 axle commercial vehicle with a minimum 51 foot outer bridge measurement. The maximum tandem limit is 40,000 pounds. This memo does not allow commercial vehicles to cross bridges with a posted limit below the gross weight of the commercial vehicle. All other dimensions must be legal.

This allowance will expire on April 12, 2020. The necessity of an extension will be reviewed at that time.

Thank you.