The Governor of South Carolina has declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 virus until further notice. As a result, commercial vehicles engaged in interstate commerce traveling in or through the State of South Carolina, with registrations that expire March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 will be valid until July 1, 2020. Please do not cite commercial motor vehicles providing a copy of this letter with an expired cab card.

Additionally, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles is temporarily waiving International Registration Plan (IRP) and International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) requirements for out-of-state vehicles provided, however, that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The driver of any such vehicle to be operated is properly licensed in his/her state of residency.
2. Motor carriers and/or drivers currently subject to out-of-service orders are not eligible for the exemption until the order expires or the motor carrier or driver has met the condition for its rescission.
3. The motor vehicle to be operated is properly licensed and registered in this or any other state, and the motor vehicle satisfies all motor vehicle insurance requirements or provisions of its state of registration. Proof of insurance must be carried in the cab of the motor vehicle.

Nothing in this notice shall be construed to allow any vehicle to operate in the State of South Carolina without valid vehicle registration and insurance from its base state. This waiver does not imply or grant an exception to any federal laws administered by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, or other state laws regarding the reporting, registration or operation of commercial motor vehicles.

This waiver shall remain in effect until 11:59 pm on June 30, 2020. A copy of this letter must be maintained in each vehicle operating under this waiver. Please direct any questions to the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Motor Carrier Services Division, at 803-896-3870.

Regards,

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