



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

Subject: Movement of Loads in Response to November 17, 2013, storm damage in Illinois

AUTHORIZATION

Severe storms, generating tornadoes and straight-line winds moved through Illinois on November 17, 2013. A Gubernatorial Proclamation has been issued declaring the Counties of Champaign, Douglas, Fayette, Grundy, Jasper, LaSalle, Massac, Pope, Tazewell, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, Will and Woodford disaster areas as a result of these storms. To assist emergency response/relief, overweight and over dimension loads responding to these affected areas are hereby authorized to be transported on roads under jurisdiction of the State of Illinois with the following restrictions:

- 1) This Authorization is only valid for loads not exceeding 14 feet in width and 100 feet in length.
- 2) A copy of this authorization must be in the possession of the operator during the progress of the movement and shall be available for inspection upon request to any police officer or any authorized employee of the Department of Transportation.
- 3) Undertaking the movement is evidence that both the owner and operator of the equipment agree to abide by the conditions included in this AUTHORIZATION.
- 4) The vehicle owner and operator shall assume all responsibility for injury to persons or damage to public or private property, including their own, caused directly or indirectly by the movement authorized herein. The owner and operator agree to hold the state of Illinois and its employees harmless from all suits, claims, damages, or proceedings of any kind and to indemnify the state of Illinois and its employees for any claim they may be required to pay arising from this movement.
- 5) Owners and/operators of vehicles with loads exceeding 10 feet in width must have in effect liability insurance, or be self insured, in the amount of \$500,000 per occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage.
- 6) All loads more than 8 feet 6 inches in width must display an operable oscillating, rotating, or flashing amber light(s). If the load blocks visibility of the amber light from the rear, a light must be displayed at the rear of the vehicle.

- 7) "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs are mandatory on the front and rear of all vehicles with loads over 10 feet in width or 75 feet in length. These Signs must have 12-inch high black letters with a 2-inch stroke on a yellow sign that is 7 feet wide by 18-inches high.
- 8) Flags shall be displayed so as to wave freely at the extremities of loads exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width. All flags must be clean, and bright red with no advertising, wording, emblem or insignia inscribed upon them and at least 18 inches square.
- 9) Loads are restricted to widths less than those posted at construction zones or displayed on the Truck Permit Route Map at www.gettingaroundillinois.com.
- 10) Loads are required to verify load heights will clear the heights posted at www.gettingaroundillinois.com
- 11) The maximum speed for loads exceeding 10 feet in width shall be 5 miles per hour below the posted speed.
- 12) Movements are authorized 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- 13) Movements shall not be made during periods of inclement weather, i.e., when the pavement is covered with snow or ice or when visibility is unduly impaired by rain, snow, fog, smog, or at any time travel conditions are considered unsafe by the Department or State Police.
- 14) The following configurations may exceed legal weight provided the load does not cross any legal or ton posted structures:
 - 3 axle trucks max G.V.W. of 60,000 lbs, single axle 24,000 lbs, tandem axle 44,000 lbs.
 - 4 axle trucks max G.V.W. of 70,000 lbs, single axle 24,000 lbs, tandem axle 44,000 lbs, 3 axle group 54,500 lbs.
 - 5 axle trucks max G.V.W. of 90,000 lbs, single axle 24,000 lbs, tandem axle 44,000 lbs, 3 axle group 54,500 lbs, 4 axle group 64,500 lbs.
 - 6+ axle trucks max G.V.W. of 100,000 lbs, single axle 24,000 lbs, tandem axle 44,000 lbs, 3 axle group 54,500 lbs, 4 axle group 64,500 lbs.

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This AUTHORIZATION is effective immediately and expires upon November 30, 2013. Violation of any of the conditions of this AUTHORIZATION will subject the owner and operator to arrest, pursuant to the provisions of Section 625 ILCS 5/15-301(j) and any other applicable portions of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

For the Department,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justan Mann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Justan Mann
Acting Engineer of Operations