



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

Executive Order 2017-09

WHEREAS, many counties in North Dakota are under a drought declaration of emergency as a result of extreme drought conditions that have adversely and significantly impacted the State's agribusiness and livestock production; and

WHEREAS, the extreme drought conditions have resulted in less than adequate amounts of hay and water supply necessary to sustain livestock herds; and

WHEREAS, current and forecasted drought conditions have, and will continue, to contribute to water and feed supply shortages for livestock producers in those counties under a drought declaration of emergency; and

WHEREAS, many livestock producers in drought affected counties have had to move livestock, hay and water supplies in greater volumes and distances to maintain existing herds and to meet the needs of our State; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State to assist the people of North Dakota in responding to and mitigating the effects of weather emergencies, disasters, and other hardships that may face the state and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority granted under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution and North Dakota Century Code § 37-17.1, hereby declares that a state of emergency exists in North Dakota that requires relief for farm vehicles transporting livestock, hay and water supplies.

It is further declared that the provisions of NDCC § 39-06.2-06 (3)(d), limiting the farm vehicle operator's exemption to within 150 miles of the operator's farm, are hereby suspended.

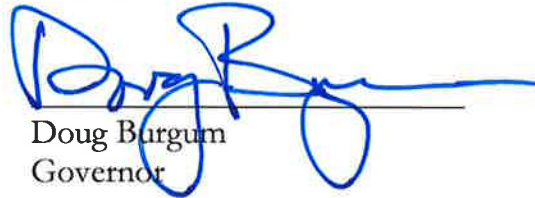
This order is issued on the foregoing bases and on the following conditions:

1. All road safety and vehicle compliance regulations still apply and will be fully enforced.
2. Nothing in this order shall be construed to relieve covered farm vehicles operating under this order from regulations pertaining to qualifications of drivers, driving of farm vehicles or parts and accessories necessary for the safe operation of vehicles.

3. Operators of farm vehicles, while under this order, shall not require or allow fatigued drivers to operate a motor vehicle.
4. All North Dakota Highway Patrol rules, regulations, and laws must be complied with.

This order is effective immediately, and it shall remain in effect until further notice.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 12th day of July, 2017.

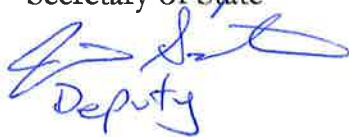


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ATTEST:



Secretary of State


Deputy