Commissioner Antonio Guerrera
Department of Motor Vehicles

CONNECTICUT

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, and a January 19, 2026, memorandum, from the Connecticut Energy Marketers Association, the Motor Transport Association of Connecticut, and the Propane Gas Association of New England, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Antonio Guerrera (Commissioner), 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, gasoline, and biodiesel, in connection with emergency conditions resulting from logistics and supply issues at several terminals within the state and the region which are related to high demands for fuel, cold weather, the recent snowstorm, and windy conditions. **This emergency exemption is effective, beginning January 20, 2026, at 12:00 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, gasoline, and biodiesel, to Connecticut homes, businesses, and government entities 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 who have any suspension or revocation of registration privileges under CGS §14-35a or §14-215 **cannot** take advantage of relief from the 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 this 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 notice will remain in effect until Wednesday, **January 28, 2026, at 11:59 P.M. EST** or until sooner terminated by the Commissioner or his designee.

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