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State of Illinois
Emergency Waiver of IFTA Registration
Regarding Texas Wild Fires
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On March 17, 2017, The Illinois Department of Revenue was asked by the Office of the Governor of Texas, by way of the Illinois State Police, to allow motor carriers to travel into or through Illinois carrying hay to Texas without the benefit of IFTA registration or single trip permits. This request pertains to the recent wildfires occurring in Texas that have destroyed hay for their cattle. Pursuant to 35 ILCS 505/13a.4 and 35 ILCS 505/13a.5, Illinois will waive motor fuel use tax licensing requirements for IFTA-qualified motor vehicles providing hay for cattle to the affected areas requested by Texas Governor Greg Abbott. This statute provides:

For commercial motor vehicles traveling into the State of Illinois, through Illinois, or returning to Illinois from a point outside Illinois, for the purpose of providing emergency goods and services to and within areas requiring disaster relief, the Director may suspend requirements for licensing or permits required by the Illinois Motor Fuel Tax Act.

Effective March 17, 2017 through April 30, 2017, a qualified commercial motor vehicle traveling within the State of Illinois that is stopped or otherwise detained by order of a State or Local Law Enforcement Officer, or other lawful authority, and which is found to be operating without registration under the Illinois Motor Fuel Use Tax Act, or without a single trip permit, shall not be ticketed or otherwise penalized for such violation if the operator of the vehicle can provide proof that the destination of the vehicle is to a point within the wildfire areas declared by the Governor of Texas, or that the vehicle's destination is to a point outside the State of Illinois and the vehicle's last destination was within the wildfire area.

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