



## SUSPENSION OF MOTOR VEHICLE PROCEDURES DURING DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS

### Purpose

This policy authorizes the Director to waive certain motor vehicle procedures in times of disaster relief operations.

### Legal Authority

Idaho Code 49-201(5) - Board shall adopt rules as may be necessary to determine the basis upon which fees shall be computed.

When a disaster (natural or otherwise) strikes, the rapid movement of motor vehicles designated for disaster relief is essential to the well-being and safety of the public. The Director or a delegate is authorized to waive motor vehicle procedures associated with vehicle registration, permits in lieu of registration, and fuel use reporting for designated vehicles to conduct disaster relief operations. To the extent possible, vehicles that are conducting disaster relief operations shall be allowed to travel over Idaho's highways upon the receipt of the disaster relief waiver.

Disaster relief waivers can be issued to vehicles that are owned and operated by both Idaho and non-Idaho residents. Disaster relief operations can encompass the state of Idaho, or may be for other states or provinces.

The disaster relief waiver does not authorize violation of Idaho Laws including:

- operating vehicles beyond posted speed limits,
- bypassing ports of entry or checking stations by designated vehicles,
- operating vehicles that do not meet acceptable safety standards,
- allowing an unqualified driver to operate the designated vehicle, or
- operating vehicle in excess of permissible dimensions (weights/measures).

The Division of Motor Vehicles shall establish a procedure to notify International Registration Plan, Inc. of the granted waiver and identify the owners of vehicles who are issued disaster relief waivers; and at a later date, shall coordinate the billing of the owners for fees that would have been due under normal circumstances.

Approved by the Board on:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Whitehead  
Board Chairman

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