



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

As a result of a series of extensive forest and brush fires in northeastern Florida earlier this year, Florida Executive Order 04-70 declared a state of emergency because of the prolonged drought, extraordinary fire conditions, recent fires and the potential for more fires.

The above mentioned Order authorized the Florida Department of Transportation to issue permits to the Florida Division of Forestry exempting it from certain state transportation laws as listed therein, for a period of sixty (60) days unless rescinded. The Order is designed to allow the Florida Division of Forestry and its contractors to remove fire damaged timber from the affected areas in a speedy and effective manner.

The State of Georgia wishes to implement a companion policy, authorizing the Georgia Department of Transportation to issue permits to the Florida Division of Forestry, and its contractors, exempting them from certain Georgia Transportation laws.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Georgia, it is hereby ordered that a maximum gross vehicle weight of ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds on five axle, truck tractor, semi-trailers for hauling burnt timber shall be permitted on all state maintained roadways shown on maps provided with issuance of these permits. The outer bridge span of the five axle, truck tractor, semi-trailers shall not be less than fifty-one (51) feet, and the vehicle's total length shall not exceed eighty (80) feet. The vehicle's width shall not exceed eight (8) feet, six (6) inches and its height shall not exceed thirteen (13) feet, six (6) inches.

The Georgia Department of Transportation shall issue and provide the permits to the carriers. Permits shall be valid for a sixty (60) day period from the date of this order.

This the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2004

  
GOVERNOR