



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: Due to the catastrophic damage to timber trees caused by tornadoes, across the State of Georgia, modifying specific restrictions be lifted on lumber trucks to accommodate the timely removal of damaged timber is necessary; and

WHEREAS: It is requested that the State of Georgia allow vehicles transporting such loads from the affected areas to travel on state maintained roadways as indicated on the permit; and no company shall exceed the allowable gross weight indicated on the permit; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Transportation has the authority to issue over-dimensional/overweight permits accommodating the movement of vehicles and loads as stated above with coordination and cooperation from law enforcement of the Georgia Department of Public Safety, Motor Carrier Compliance Division; and

WHEREAS: In light of these circumstances and in conjunction with the authority vested in the Governor to promulgate reasonable orders, rules and regulations as are deemed necessary to protect public health, preserve the safety of the public, keep property damage to a minimum and to restore the social and economic welfare to the impacted areas, to bring the emergency situation under control *within the acknowledged limitations of the powers of the Governor.*

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That weight, height, length and width for any such vehicle on roadways maintained by the State of Georgia shall not exceed the following:

(A) A maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than fifty-one (51) feet shall not exceed a gross weight of ninety (90)

thousand pounds, a width of ten (10) feet, and a length of one hundred (100) feet long. Continuous travel is authorized; with the proper escorts.

(B) Transporters are responsible for ensuring they have proper, oversize signs, markings, flags and escorts as defined in the Georgia Department of Transportation Rules and Regulations 672-2-.06 and 672-2-.07.

(C) When traveling after nightfall, transporters are required to have a vehicle front and a rear escort/amber light when traveling on a 2-lane roadway and a vehicle rear escort is required when traveling on a 4-lane highway.

Permits may be issued by the Georgia Department of Transportation, Oversize Permit Unit, during normal business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday by calling 1-800-570-5428.

This Executive Order shall be valid for ninety (90) days from this date.

This 20th day of May, 2008.


GOVERNOR