

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, (hereinafter, "MOU") is entered into by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (hereinafter, "DPS") and the Iowa Department of Transportation (hereinafter, DOT).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, Public Law 99-570 (49 United States Code Chapter 313), requires any person who operates a vehicle in commerce designed to transport 16 passengers or more (including the driver) or property: with a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 26,001 pounds, or a lesser gross vehicle weight, if prescribed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in an administrative rule; or used to transport hazardous material to obtain a commercial driver's license; and

WHEREAS, in its administrative rules implementing the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has authorized states to exempt certain drivers, including operators of farm vehicles, from the commercial driver's license requirements pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (hereinafter "CFR") Part 383.3(d); and

WHEREAS, operating under the authority granted by 49 CFR 383.3(d), the Minnesota and Iowa legislatures have both enacted laws exempting operators of farm vehicles from the commercial driver's license requirement (see Section MN Statute 171.02 (2) (c) (1) and Iowa Code 321:176A); and

WHEREAS, 49 CFR 383.3(d) limits the use of a farm vehicle exemption to the driver's home state, unless the home state has entered into a reciprocity agreement with adjoining states; and

WHEREAS, The DPS and the DOT wish to enter into a reciprocity agreement to allow operators of farm vehicles licensed in either Minnesota or Iowa to be exempt from the commercial driver's license requirement when such operators are operating farm vehicles in the other participating state, provided such operation is consistent with the exemption in 49 CFR 383.3(d) and each state's respective state law on farm vehicle exemptions to the commercial driver's license requirement; and

WHEREAS, an agreement is necessary to document the rights and responsibilities of the DPS and the DOT regarding this reciprocity agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and representations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

(1) DURATION OF MOU: This MOU shall be in effect commencing on the date the MOU is last executed by both the DPS and the DOT and shall continue until one of the parties terminates the agreement, as described in paragraph (4) below, or a statutory change becomes effective that prohibits the use of reciprocity agreements to extend commercial driver's license exemptions to adjoining states, or a law, regulation or policy of either party that conflicts with the intent of this MOU.

(2) OBLIGATIONS OF PARTIES: The DPS and the DOT agree that any driver from either Minnesota or Iowa who possesses a valid non-commercial driver's license may operate a farm vehicle within either state if the farm vehicle:

(A) Is properly operated as a farm vehicle under the laws of either state;

(B) Is controlled and operated by a farmer, including operation by his or her employees or family members, so long as the operator holds a valid driver's license in either state;

(C) Is used exclusively to transport either agricultural products, farm machinery, farm supplies, or both to or from the farmer's farm;

(D) Is not used in the operations of a common or contract carrier; and

(E) Is only used within 150 air miles of the farmer's farm.

(3) COOPERATION AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION: The parties agree to notify one another prior to promulgating any administrative rules regarding the terms of this MOU or regarding the commercial driver's license exemption for operators of farm vehicles.

(4) TERMINATION: The parties each have the authority to terminate this MOU at any time for a material breach of contractual obligations by providing the other party with written notice of termination. Should either party exercise its right to terminate the contract for such reasons, termination will become effective 30 days after written notice is provided to the stakeholders of this MOU.

(5) SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS: The parties agree that this MOU and all agreements entered into under the provisions of this MOU shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.

(6) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES: Each party will be responsible for its own acts and the results arising from those acts and shall not be responsible for the acts of the other party and the results arising from those acts. Each party agrees, to the extent allowed by law, that it will assume all risk and liability to itself, its agents or employees for any injury to persons or employees under this MOU. Each party's liabilities shall be governed by applicable state law.

(7) VENUE: Any action at law, suit in equity, or other judicial proceeding to enforce or construe this MOU, or regarding its alleged breach, shall be instituted only in the Circuit Court of Ramsey County, Minnesota or in the District Court of Polk County, Iowa.

(8) SOLE BENEFICIARY: This MOU is made for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and nothing in this MOU shall be construed to give any rights or benefits to anyone other than the DPS and the DOT.

(9) AMENDMENTS: Any change in this MOU, whether by modification or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by the duly authorized representatives of the DPS and the DOT.

(10) DPS REPRESENTATIVE: The DPS Director of Motor Carrier Services is designated as the DPS representative for the purpose of administering the provisions of this MOU. The DPS representative may designate by written notice other persons having the authority to act on behalf of the DPS in furtherance of the performance of this MOU.

(11) DOT REPRESENTATIVE: The DOT's Chief of Motor Vehicle Enforcement and Director of Driver Services are designated as the DOT's representative for the purpose of administering the provisions of this MOU. The DOT's representative may designate by written notice other persons having the authority to act on behalf of the DOT in furtherance of the performance of this MOU.

(12) CONSENT FOR ASSIGNMENT: No party to this MOU shall assign, transfer, or delegate any interest in this MOU without the prior written consent of the other party.

(13) NOTICES: Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given three (3) days after delivery by United States mail, regular mail postage prepaid, or upon receipt by personal or facsimile delivery, addressed as follows:

(A) To the DPS:
Mark Dunaski, Chief of Minnesota State Patrol
Patricia McCormack, Director of Driver & Vehicle Services
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 195
St. Paul, MN 55101

Fax: 651-296-3141

(B) To the DOT:
David Lorenzen, Chief of Motor Vehicle Enforcements
Kim Snook, Director of Driver Services
Motor Vehicle Division
6310 SE Convenience Blvd.
Ankeny, IA 50021

Fax: 515-237-3387

(14) SECTION HEADINGS: All section headings contained in this MOU are for the convenience of reference only and are not intended to define or limit the scope of any provision of this MOU.

(15) CONTRACT LANGUAGE: The language of this MOU reflects negotiations between the DPS and the DOT, each of which have had the opportunity to modify the text. In the event of litigation or other dispute concerning the language of this MOU, general rules construing ambiguities against the drafter shall not apply.

(16) AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE: The signers of this MOU warrant that they are acting officially and properly on behalf of their respective institutions and have been duly authorized, directed and empowered to execute this MOU.

(17) ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This MOU represents the entire understanding and agreement between the parties hereto regarding this subject and supercedes all prior understandings, communications and agreements, written or oral between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Memorandum of Understanding on the date last written below.

Executed by the DOT this 14 day of July, 2009.

Executed by the DPS this 14 day of July, 2009.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By Pat McCormick

By Maryann

Title Director of Driver and Vehicle Services

Title Director, Motor Vehicle Division

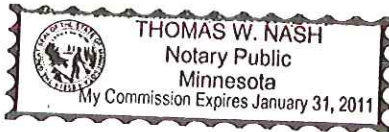
By Paul Hunt

By [Signature]

Title Chief

Title CHIEF - Motor Vehicle Enforcement

ATTEST:



ATTEST:



By Thomas W. Nash

By Theresa Kern

Title Notary Public

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Approved as to Form:

Approved as to Form:

By Jon Kpusta

By Kim Inoak

Title Driver Services Director

Title Director - Driver Services