

Motor Vehicle Division Informational Memo # 22-03

Emergency Fleet Permit Administrative Rule Updates

DATE: January 3, 2022
FROM: MVD Policy & Compliance Team
TO: All Motor Vehicle Division staff

SUBJECT

This informational memo explains updates to administrative rule chapter 761—511, Special Permits for Operation and Movement of Vehicles and Loads of Excess Size and Weight.

SUMMARY

The updates to this rule chapter align with legislation passed during the 2021 legislative session that created a new emergency interstate fleet permit, which will allow all vehicles operating under the same interstate or intrastate motor carrier number to travel under the same permit, provided all vehicles are carrying divisible loads of disaster relief supplies related to a presidentially declared national emergency that has been declared a major disaster under the federal Stafford Act.

This memo is most applicable to staff that approve emergency fleet permit applications or answer questions about those permits.

The administrative rule amendments are effective January 5, 2022.

LINK TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/arc/6061C.pdf>

CURRENT

This rule chapter did not contain any provisions regarding an emergency fleet permit because prior to the legislative change, the department was not authorized to issue one special permit to apply to multiple vehicles operating under the same motor carrier's interstate or intrastate number.

You may wish to review the previous informational memo (IM 21-23) we issued when the 2021 legislation impacting the above-referenced subject areas became effective for more information about the background of the legislation.

You may find IM 21-23 in the W drive at the address below:

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NEW

As of January 5, 2022, the rules will align with Iowa Code and our current processes outlined in the summary above.

BUSINESS IMPACT

This directive does not significantly impact the way that MVD operates as we have already updated our processes and programming to implement the above-referenced changes.