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EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 88-8 PROVIDING FOR TRANSPORTATION OF BALED HAY TO DROUGHT AREAS

I, RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, because of drought conditions existing in the state and the need to transport hay to affected areas of the state to provide feed for livestock; and

WHEREAS, the economic vitality of the farming industry is extremely dependent on the availability of hay for feed for the livestock; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide emergency assistance to Minnesota's farmers, the state is willing to waive certain permits, fees, and other obligations normally incurred by transporters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

The Commissioner of Transportation, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Commissioner of Revenue, and the Transportation Regulation Board waive the following statutory requirements for the shipment of hay:

- Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 221.021. Any person while engaged in the transportation of hay to victims of the drought shall be exempt from applying for operating certificates or permits.
- 2. Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 221.60, subd. 1 (2) and (3). Interstate carriers while engaged in the transportation of hay to the victims of the drought shall be exempt from registering with the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation.
- 3. Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 221.161, subd. 1, and Section 221.171. All carriers while engaged in the transportation of hay to the victims of the drought may reduce tariffs and rates from those on file with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
- 4. Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 169.862. All carriers while engaged in the transportation of hay to the victims of the drought shall be exempt from the requirement to have a permit and may operate on the interstate highway system. The following statutory provisions shall remain in effect:
  - \* the maximum available width of loader vehicles is 11 1/2 feet;
  - \* vehicles must operate only during daylight hours
     Monday through Saturday and from sunrise to noon on Sunday;
  - \* vehicles must operate on pavement at least 24
    feet wide;
  - \* vehicles must be equipped with mirrors so that drivers are able to have a clear view of the highway at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle;

- \* vehicles must display red, orange or yellow flags, 18 inches square, as markers at the front and rear and on both sides of the load; and
  \* loads must be securely bound to transporting vehicles.
- 5. Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 168.187, subd. 17. While engaged in the transportation of hay to victims of the drought, a vehicle legally registered in its home state shall be exempt from the trip permit requirement.
- 6. Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 296.17, subds. 10 and 17. A vehicle while engaged in the transportation of hay to victims of the drought shall be exempt from fuel tax license and trip permit requirements.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 4.035, this Order shall be effective July 15, 1988, and shall remain in effect for 90 days or until rescinded by proper authority.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 15th day of July, 1988.

Governor

Filed according to law:

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