



**STATE OF WYOMING  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
EXECUTIVE ORDER  
Order 2021-9**

**EMERGENCY RELIEF PERMITS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF OVERSIZED-  
LOADS OF BALED LIVESTOCK FEED**

**WHEREAS**, during 2021, widespread drought conditions, low humidity, and high temperatures created a shortage of livestock feed in Wyoming; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 33% of Wyoming's land area had been affected by moderate drought conditions and an additional 64% severe or extreme drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, due to these drought conditions, pasture grass and natural feed supplies were depleted in many parts of the state, resulting in inadequate forage for their livestock; and

**WHEREAS**, easing restrictions to transport oversized loads of baled livestock feed is necessary to provide assistance to drought stricken areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-18-802(a) limits the size of vehicles operating upon Wyoming highways to a height not to exceed fourteen (14) feet, and a width not to exceed one hundred two (102) inches; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-18-804(n) and the Department of Transportation's motor carrier rules, chapter 5, § 24, emergency relief permits may be issued if the Governor or Director of the Department determines that:

- (i) The operation of the vehicles under Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-18-804(n) would relieve a situation that is detrimental to the economy or general welfare of the state or another state; and
- (ii) By engineering evaluation, the highways and bridges in question have geometrical and structural capacity adequate to accommodate the vehicles and allow their operation safely and compatibly with other traffic on the highways; and
- (iii) Federal highway funds will not be withdrawn by this provision.

**WHEREAS**, on September 22, 2021, the Director of the Department of Transportation determined that the above requirements of Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-18-804(n)(i)-(iii) had been met for the limited purpose of issuing emergency relief permits to lift certain restrictions for vehicles transporting oversized loads of baled livestock feed. As a result, I issued Executive Order 2021-7, ordering that

emergency relief permits be issued through the conclusion of the emergency, but no later than midnight, November 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Department of Transportation has again determined that the requirements of Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-18-804(n)(i)-(iii) have been met for the same limited purpose of issuing emergency relief permits;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the laws of the State of Wyoming, specifically Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-18-804(n), I, Mark Gordon, do hereby order that emergency relief permits must be issued to relieve the continued impact of the drought on the state's livestock industry and its resulting detriment to the economy and general welfare of the state. The following conditions shall apply to such emergency relief permits:

1. Oversized loads of baled livestock feed may be transported over any state highway in the state of Wyoming two (2) hours before official sunrise to two (2) hours after official sunset.
2. Vehicles hauling oversized loads of baled livestock feed on any state highway are not to exceed twelve (12) feet in width, or fifteen (15) feet in height. "Oversized Load" signs (front and rear) are required.
3. For non-daylight travel, vehicles hauling oversized loads of baled livestock feed shall be equipped with amber clearance lights on each front corner, and a red clearance light on each rear corner of the load or vehicle (whichever is wider). Such loads shall also display a revolving amber light, amber strobe light, or two-way flashing amber lights at least four (4) inches in diameter on the vehicle. LED assemblies meeting the visibility requirements shall be allowed. These lights shall be clearly visible at least 1,000 feet from the front and rear of the vehicle.
4. This Executive Order does not grant authority for any vehicle to exceed weight limits or posted bridge and road limits of any such road.
5. The permits are only valid for movements of baled livestock feed to either a destination within Wyoming or through Wyoming to a destination in another state that has declared an emergency for hay. No permit shall be issued under this order for movements of baled livestock feed to a state that has not declared an emergency.
6. Permits shall be obtained from the Wyoming Highway Patrol, and carried for the duration of the permit and throughout the duration of the emergency.
7. The Wyoming Department of Transportation is authorized to, in its discretion, temporarily suspend the issuance of emergency relief permits under this Order due to

current or predicted changes in either weather or traffic conditions that render this emergency relief unsafe. The Department shall provide notice of any such suspension on its website.

This Executive Order is effective immediately and expires upon the conclusion of the emergency, but no later than midnight, February 28, 2022.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 20 21.



Mark Gordon  
Governor