



# Rhode Island Division of Taxation

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**Advisory:**

## **Rhode Island clears way for truckers to haul supplies to hurricane victims**

The Rhode Island Division of Taxation announced today that it is granting a temporary waiver to certain trucks in order to clear the way for fuel and other emergency supplies to be quickly delivered to areas throughout the region stricken by Hurricane Sandy.

The waiver is being implemented pursuant to Rhode Island Governor Lincoln D. Chafee's signing on October 28, 2012, of a [Declaration of Disaster Emergency](#) in advance of the landfall of Hurricane Sandy. The waiver is detailed in an order that was issued today by Rhode Island Tax Administrator David M. Sullivan, posted as [Notice 2012-11](#).

Normally, trucks hauling goods through Rhode Island must have a license and decals as established under the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA).

However, because of the waiver announced today, any truck from any state that is carrying building materials, fuels, food, or other such supplies will be able to pass through Rhode Island even if it does not have an IFTA license and decal (temporary or otherwise) – provided that it can prove it is operating for the good of the relief effort.

The waiver applies to all motor carriers/qualified motor vehicles traveling within or through Rhode Island for the purpose of responding to the disaster emergency caused by Hurricane Sandy.

The waiver is in effect from October 28, 2012, through December 1, 2012. The Tax Division is working with the Rhode Island State Police, which is involved in enforcing the IFTA requirements, concerning the waiver.

Rhode Island is one of a number of states that are offering such waivers in order to aid in Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Links to other states' waivers are available online from the U.S. Department of Transportation's [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration](#), or the [International Fuel Tax Association Inc.](#)

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