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To whom it may concern,
Maine DOT does not have the authority to grant blanket waivers on the Interstate System or the State system of highways for truck size and weight issues. We work directly with the Department of Motor Vehicles to expedite moves under emergency conditions. However, all such moves are still subject to safety and operational concerns that could affect the public-at-large. During emergency situations Maine does grant waivers as allowed by congress for jet fuel deliveries to Bangor. The State of Maine does not have any procedures in place to specifically address the circumstances regarding the need to get emergency supplies, roof trusses, mobile homes etc. from Maine to affected states as a result of damages caused by Hurricane Katrina. However, Maine DOT will offer to work with whatever agencies are involved to resolve any issues that may arise. Should you need to contact Maine DOT directly please call Bruce Ibarguen at 207-624-3620 or by email at bruce.ibarguen@maine.gov.