

EXECUTIVE ORDER 26-20

WHEREAS, agriculture is the largest industry in the State of Missouri, and seasonal harvesting operations are presently underway across the State, consuming diesel fuel at their highest annual rate during these months; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the agricultural sector, escalating fuel costs impose a significant strain on all commercial operations across the state; and

WHEREAS, Section 142.932, RSMo, prohibits the operation of motor vehicles on the public highways of this State with red dyed diesel fuel and subjects violators civil penalties, fines, taxes and enforcement actions, which strict enforcement during the present emergency hinders necessary and immediate relief for agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, mitigating these economic challenges requires temporary relief to lower transportation costs across the entire supply chain, delivering immediate savings that trickle down to reduce everyday expenses for every Missouri family, business, and consumer; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2026, Missouri Executive Order 26-19 was issued, temporarily suspending enforcement of dyed diesel prohibitions on Missouri state roadways exclusively for agricultural purposes and increasing hauling weight limits; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2026, President Donald J. Trump signed the Executive Order "*Emergency Tax Relief on Diesel Fuel*," establishing emergency nationwide relief that authorizes the highway use of dyed diesel fuel for all motor vehicles operating for any purpose, and it is in the best interest of the State of Missouri to align state regulatory relief and enforcement discretion with this federal order to provide economic relief and maintain uniformity across all transportation sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's emergency powers contained in Section 44.100.2(d), RSMo, authorize the Governor to control, restrict, and regulate the use and distribution of fuel during a state of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Missouri, including section 44.100 RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri and order as follows:

I. Rescind Executive Order 26-19.

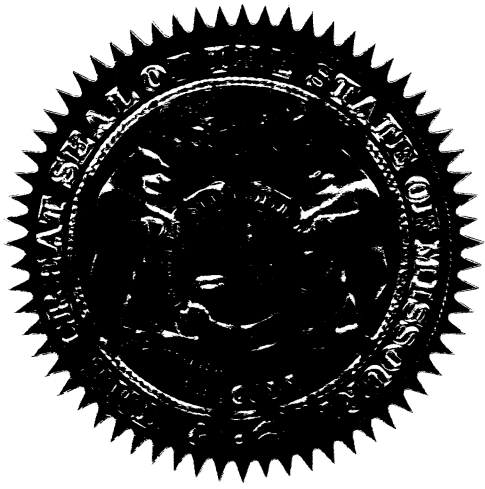
II. Temporary Suspension of Red Dye Diesel Restrictions (Section 142.932, RSMo):

- a. **Suspension of Statutory Penalties:** The enforcement of motor vehicle fuel restrictions set forth in Section 142.932, RSMo, and any associated statutory penalties, are hereby suspended for any purpose.
- b. **Prohibition on State Enforcement Action:** No state agency, department, or law enforcement officer shall assess administrative, civil, or criminal penalties under Section 142.932, RSMo, against any owner or operator operating within the scope of this suspension.

III. Temporary Increase in Agricultural Allowable Weight Limitations:

- a. **Weight Allowance Exemption:** Any vehicle combination consisting of a 6-axle configuration with an extreme axle distance of at least 43 feet transporting livestock, grain, timber or other seasonally harvested agricultural products operating from field to storage, market, or stockpile, or from farm storage to market, is hereby authorized to operate up to an absolute maximum gross vehicle weight of 90,000 pounds without the requirement of obtaining a special permit or paying associated permit fees. This maximum limit supersedes the statutory baseline weight and the standard 10% harvest allowance provided under Section 304.180.10, RSMo. Under no circumstances shall the 10% harvest allowance in Section 304.180.10, RSMo, or any other statutory weight tolerance, be applied, added, or stacked on top of this 90,000-pound maximum limit.
- b. **Roadway Scope and Interstate Exclusion:** This weight allowance applies to all state highways and local roads within Missouri, excluding the Federal Interstate Highway System.
- c. **Axle Limits and Bridge Safety Controls:** No single axle shall exceed maximum safety thresholds, and all vehicles operating under this order must strictly adhere to posted weight limitations on posted bridges and weight-restricted structures.

This Order shall terminate on December 31, 2026, unless extended in whole or in part.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 9th day of October, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael Kehoe", written in black ink.

MIKE KEHOE
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Denny Hoskins", written in black ink.

DENNY HOSKINS
SECRETARY OF STATE