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Minn. Stat. § 221.012 and 221.025

Intrastate transportation is the transportation entirely within one state that is not interstate in nature. There are two types of intrastate carriers in Minnesota: private and for-hire.

**Private Carriers:** A private carrier is a person or company that transports property or passengers by motor vehicle when:

- Their primary business is not transportation; and
- The transportation is incidental to and furthers their primary business.

**For-Hire Carriers:** For-hire motor carriers receive payment or compensation of any kind for the transportation of passengers or property on public highways. Payment or compensation includes any monies promised or paid and received directly or indirectly.

For-hire motor carriers (unless exempted) must obtain MN operating authority. The for-hire operating authority registration process begins by filing an application with the Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations (see Section 15).

**Exemptions:** (Minn. Stat. § 221.025): An intrastate for-hire carrier is not required to obtain operating authority when exclusively engaged in the transportation described below:

- (1) the transportation of students to or from school or school activities in a school bus inspected and certified under Minn. Stat. § 169.451; and the transportation of children or parents to or from a Head Start facility or Head Start activity in a Head Start bus inspected and certified under Minn. Stat. § 169.451;
- (2) the transportation of solid waste, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 116.06 subd. 22, including recyclable materials and waste tires, except that the term “hazardous waste” has the meaning given it in Minn. Stat. § 221.012 subd. 18;
- (3) a commuter van as defined in Minn. Stat. § 221.012 subd. 9;
- (4) authorized emergency vehicles as defined in Minn. Stat. § 169.011 subd. 3, including ambulances; and tow trucks equipped with proper and legal warning devices when picking up and transporting disabled

or wrecked motor vehicles or (2) vehicles towed or transported under a towing order issued by a public employee authorized to issue a towing order;

**(5)** the transportation of grain samples under conditions prescribed by the commissioner;

**(6)** the delivery of agricultural lime;

**(7)** the transportation of dirt and sod within an area having a 50-mile radius from the home post office of the person performing the transportation;

**(8)** the transportation of sand, gravel, bituminous asphalt mix, concrete ready mix, concrete blocks or tile and the mortar mix to be used with the concrete blocks or tile, or crushed rock to or from the point of loading or a place of gathering within an area having a 50-mile radius from that person's home post office or a 50-mile radius from the site of construction or maintenance of public roads and streets;

**(9)** the transportation of pulpwood, cordwood, mining timber, poles, posts, decorator evergreens, wood chips, sawdust, shavings, and bark from the place where the products are produced to the point where they are to be used or shipped;

**(10)** the transportation of fresh vegetables from farms to canneries or viner stations, from viner stations to canneries, or from canneries to canneries during the harvesting, canning, or packing season, or transporting sugar beets, wild rice, or rutabagas from the field of production to the first place of delivery or unloading, including a processing plant, warehouse, or railroad siding;

**(11)** the transportation of unprocessed dairy products in bulk within an area having a 100-mile radius from the home post office of the person providing the transportation;

**(12)** the transportation of agricultural, horticultural, dairy, livestock, or other farm products within an area having a 100-mile radius from the person's home post office and the carrier may transport other commodities within the 100-mile radius if the destination of each haul is a farm;

**(13)** the transportation of newspapers, telephone books, handbills, circulars, or pamphlets in a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less; and

**(14)** transportation of potatoes from the field of production, or storage site owned or otherwise controlled by the producer, to the first place of processing.

