

Hurricane Isaias Current Waivers and Declarations Summary

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Purpose. This summary consolidates the active Isaias-related declarations, commercial-vehicle relief, road-use permits, and agency implementation memoranda identified in official sources. It is intended as a quick operational reference for public-sector and private-sector logistics partners.

Bottom line. Florida: Issued wide-ranging transportation waivers, including explicit alternate size and weight limits, qualifying commodities, and weigh-station bypass authority. **Alabama:** Implemented active emergency and evacuation measures, along with a temporary suspension of lane closures. **Georgia:** Declared a statewide emergency for all 159 counties (South Carolina is expected to issue a waiver based on this emergency per S.C. Code §56-5-70(B)). **Federal:** There is currently no Isaias-specific FMCSA declaration.

Current operational summary

Jurisdiction and instrument	Effective and expiration	Operational effect	Source
Florida — EO 26-202	Effective Oct 6; expiration conflict: order text says 60 days unless extended, while FMCSA lists Nov 5	State emergency for 27 counties. Authorizes FDOT and DHSMV/FLHSMV to provide commercial registration, HOS, IFTA/IRP, fee, size/weight, toll, traffic, and emergency-permit relief as specified by implementing orders.	FMCSA order Florida update
Florida FDOT — EO 26-07	Effective Oct 7; expires Dec 5, earlier rescission or further order	Alternate size and weight restrictions for divisible loads carrying emergency equipment, services, supplies, personnel, FEMA mobile or office homes, and approved agricultural commodities and citrus. Special permits may waive utility warning-signal requirements.	Order PDF FDOT memo page
Florida FDOT — Permit Letter 26-07	Effective Oct 8; earlier of Oct 20, EO expiration or rescission, or Secretary order	Qualifying vehicles may operate all days and hours. Maximum dimensions are 14 feet wide, 14 feet 6 inches high, and 95 feet long, with configuration-specific weight limits and escort or warning-light requirements.	Permit letter
Florida FDOT — Bulletin 2026-016	Effective Oct 8; expires Oct 20	Clarifies covered agricultural commodities, including animal feed, eggs, milk, poultry, produce, livestock, seafood, fertilizer, forestry products, and other listed commodities.	Enforcement bulletin
Florida FDOT — Weigh-station bypass	Effective immediately Oct 8; through Oct 20	Emergency response vehicles, including utility vehicles, bucket trucks, and supply trucks, may bypass all FDOT weigh stations.	Bypass memo
Florida DEP — OGC 26-2104	Effective Oct 8; expires with EO 26-202 and EO 26-211	Suspends procurement, budgeting, leasing, purchasing, travel, and related procedures as needed for DEP emergency response and acquisition of supplies, services, temporary premises, and other resources.	Procurement order
Florida DEP — OGC 26-2105	Effective Oct 8; expires with EO 26-202 and EO 26-211	Provides targeted environmental and repair flexibilities for storage tanks, storm debris, landfills and transfer stations, hazardous-waste storage, utility cleanup, wastewater, coastal infrastructure, and restoration activities.	Repairs order

Florida FLHSMV — Emergency order	Signed and announced Oct 8; order number and sunset not stated in public release	Waives HOS and registration requirements for commercial carriers and drivers, registration requirements for commercial vehicles involved in emergency relief, and specified fees, late-renewal penalties, and related administrative actions.	Official update
Alabama — SOE and supplement	SOE Oct 7; supplement Oct 8; evacuation lasts until SOE expires or is modified	State emergency covers 40 counties. Supplement requires non-residents, tourists, and visitors to evacuate Baldwin County south of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and specified Mobile County areas, including Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Dauphin Island. Mandatory evacuation effective 2:30 p.m. CDT Oct 8. State office closures begin noon Oct 9 in eight counties.	Supplement Governor update
Alabama ALDOT — Lane closures	Oct 8 at 6 p.m. through Oct 11 at 6 p.m.	Suspends temporary lane closures on interstates, U.S. highways, and state routes in Mobile, Baldwin, Escambia, Conecuh, Covington, Coffee, Geneva, Dale, Houston, and Henry counties. Does not close permanent work zones or waive safe-travel requirements. Check ALGO Traffic.	ALDOT notice
Georgia — EO 10.08.26.01	Issued Oct 8; expiration not stated in public release	State of emergency for all 159 counties; authorizes emergency management arrangements and resource positioning and activates the State Operations Center early Friday afternoon.	Order PDF Governor release

Federal and cross-state guidance

FMCSA applicability. Federal emergency relief generally applies only to the specified Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and only when the emergency is ongoing and the carrier is providing direct assistance. It does not automatically waive CDL, drug and alcohol, hazardous-materials, size and weight, registration, or tax requirements unless a state order separately provides that relief. The current FMCSA page lists Florida EO 26-202 but no new Isaias-specific federal declaration.

FMCSA emergency declarations: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency-declarations>

CVSA emergency declarations map: <https://www.cvsaemergencydeclarations.org/map>

Disclaimer

This document is a current summary prepared from official source material reviewed through October 9, 2026. It is a reference aid and should be checked against the linked source orders.