



2007 *South Dakota*

Commercial & Agricultural Vehicle Handbook



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Dear Friends:

Commercial and agricultural trucking is vitally important to South Dakotans. Most of what we produce and consume makes at least part of its journey by truck.

You'll notice that this 2007 edition of the Commercial and Agricultural Vehicle Handbook carries the logos of several state and industry organizations. This new, easy-to-use handbook is just one of the many ways South Dakota state government is partnering with industry to help businesses succeed in our state.

The state is emphasizing customer service in all aspects of motor carrier regulation, and I'd like to explain some of the changes taking place:

- Permits are now available and payable by credit card at <http://www.sdtruckinfo.com>.
- In order to reduce your delays, we've established electronic screening at the port of entry near Elk Point.
- We're investing in construction and renovation of our interstates and highways throughout the state.

I trust you'll notice a difference operating in South Dakota. I wish you a safe and profitable journey.

Sincerely,

M. Michael Rounds, Governor



*Committed to promoting public safety
with professional, courteous, and
dedicated service, through excellence,
education, and equitable enforcement*

Dear Motor Carriers and Agricultural Operators:

Welcome to the 2007 edition of the Commercial and Agricultural Vehicle Handbook, which summarizes many of the rules and regulations concerning the operation of agricultural and commercial vehicles in the state of South Dakota. Our desire is to provide you with the necessary information to make your travels into and through our state safe, legal and uncomplicated.

A well-maintained vehicle, driven by an alert driver practicing safe driving techniques, reduces the potential for motor vehicle crashes that subject an owner and driver to expensive litigation. Failing to obey the law can likewise result in expensive fines and down time. Your life and the lives of others are a precious commodity, so please obey all traffic laws, practice safe driving techniques, stay alert, make sure your vehicle is in top condition, and make safety your most important business.

Our one-stop Internet shop <http://www.sdtruckinfo.com> links you to all of the motor carrier services and regulatory agencies in South Dakota. It provides several online services, including permits. Whether online or in person, our goal is to provide the service you need.

Sincerely,

Captain Pat Fahey

FOREWORD

The *2007 South Dakota Commercial and Agricultural Vehicle Handbook* contains guidelines for operating commercial and agricultural vehicles in South Dakota, but it is not intended to be all-inclusive. It is current as of July 1, 2007.

It is the responsibility of the motor vehicle operator to know and comply with the laws and rules regulating commercial or agricultural vehicle operation.

Current South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) can be found at this Internet address:

<http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/index.aspx>

Current Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) can be found at:

<http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/index.aspx>

If you need further information, please contact the appropriate agency listed in the SD State Government Agencies section on page 5.

State (SDCL Chapter 20-13) and federal (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990) laws require that the Department of Transportation provide services to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability, ancestry, or national origin.

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