



**New Jersey
Motor Vehicle Commission**

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George Asprocolas, Chairman
Millstone Agricultural Advisory Council
470 Stage Coach Road
Millstone Township, New Jersey 08510

Dear Chairman Asprocolas:

Thank you for your letter of March 24, 2011, in which you request that the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission ("MVC") work with Secretary of Agriculture Douglas Fisher to address certain regulatory requirements that restrict farmers from operating oversized farm vehicles, implements or machinery on Sundays and holidays.

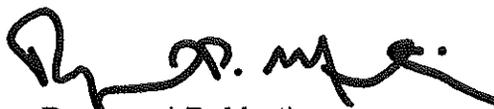
Upon receiving your letter, I asked my Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Office to research and review the historical rationale underlying the Sunday and holiday regulatory prohibition. Our research has revealed that the restriction's origin can be traced to public safety concerns, primarily the availability of other emergency personnel to respond on Sundays and holidays to highway incidents involving the movement of oversized farming vehicles, implements or machinery.

Our research has also revealed that although public safety is still a significant factor to consider in establishing appropriate regulations governing the movement of oversized farm vehicles, implements or machinery, those concerns have significantly diminished in light of the vast improvements on our highways and within emergency responder operations during the past 40-plus years since the regulatory restriction was first enacted. At the same time, the MVC recognizes that the farming community within our state is confronted with increasing challenges that threaten the viability of farm operations and the livelihood of our state's farmers.

That said, please be assured that the MVC is agreeable to having the restriction formally reviewed and possibly revised. Accordingly, we will prepare a proposal to amend the regulation to delete the prohibition against the operation of oversized farm vehicles, implements and machinery on Sundays and holidays. Please be aware that such a proposal will take several months to finalize, during which there will be a 60-day public comment period. I encourage you and other members of the farming community to submit written comments during that period expressing your support for this change.

If I can be of further assistance, or if you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 609-984-9827. If you have questions about the regulatory process, please feel free to contact Kate Tasch within the MVC Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Office at 777-1407. Ms. Tasch will oversee the preparation and submission of the regulatory proposal to eliminate the Sunday and holiday prohibition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. P. Martinez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raymond P. Martinez
MVC Chief Administrator

c: Denise Coyle, MVC Deputy Chief Administrator
Steve Robertson, Director, MVC Regulatory and Legislative Affairs