



## Propane Exemption from Seasonal Road Weight Restrictions FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Who can operate under this exemption?

A vehicle delivering propane for heating purposes is exempt from any seasonal weight limitations imposed on a highway if:

- the tank is filled to no more than 50% of its capacity
- **And** the gross weight imposed on the highway by the vehicle doesn't exceed 30,000 pounds (single-rear axle) or 40,000 pounds (tandem-rear axle).

### 2. If my single-rear axle truck, at 60% full, weighs less than 30,000lbs am I able to drive on posted roads?

No. In order to operate under the exemption, a single rear axle truck must weigh less than 30,000 lbs. **AND** the tank can't be filled to more than 50% of its capacity. You must meet both conditions listed under question 1.

### 3. When does the exemption go into effect?

The new law went into effect on November 29, 2017.

### 4. I received a notice from my township regarding weight limitation permits but plan to operate under the exemption, how should I respond?

Notify them that under the new state law, you are exempt from seasonal weight limitations and provide them with a copy of the WPGA Memorandum, dated Feb 15, 2018. This document provides information on the exemption and includes the updated language from the state statutes. WPGA's contact information is provided on the document if further information is requested. If you plan to operate under the exemption you don't need to get a permit.

### 5. Under the exemption, will we be required to operate during a certain time of day?

No, if you are operating under the exemption you will be exempt from all weight limitation requirements, including hours of operation. Section 349.16 (3)(d) requires that vehicles operating under the exemption, shall, to the extent practicable, make deliveries on posted roads at times of the day when the highways are least vulnerable.

### 6. What documentation do I need in my vehicle?

The tank must be equipped with a gauge that shows the amount of propane in the tank, as a percentage of the capacity of the tank. In addition, each vehicle will need to carry documentation of the tank's capacity either on the cargo tank or in the cab of the vehicle. The WPGA also advises you to keep a copy of this and the WPGA Guidance Memorandum in each truck operating under the exemption, at all times.