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Dear Mr. Sauer:

The Department of the California Highway Patrol received your verbal request on April 18, 2018, requesting an extension of the exemption from cargo securement regulations contained in Title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR). The current exemption is due to expire on April 30, 2018.

Specifically, you are requesting this extension to allow for additional time to complete the final report regarding comprehensive testing of industrial standard agricultural containers. This testing and evaluation, conducted in cooperation with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), is to determine if these containers afford an equal or greater level of load security, as compared to the requirements of the adopted federal cargo securement regulations. The FMCSA will use the collected data to amend the regulations as appropriate.

Your request is reasonable, therefore, under the authority contained in Title 13, CCR, Section 1300(e), your request for an extension of the exemption from the cargo securement regulations is granted under the following conditions:

1. All current and hereafter issued agricultural commodity cargo securement exemptions will remain in effect until 2359 hours on April 30, 2019, or upon the implementation of the regulatory requirements, which are currently under review by the FMCSA.

2. All other conditions as set forth in the original agricultural commodity cargo securement exemption dated June 15, 2007, remain in effect.

For examples and information please refer to the following Web site:

https://www.chp.ca.gov/programs-services/programs/commercial-vehicle-section/transporting-agricultural-products.

Should you require further information regarding this matter, please contact Captain Sean Duryee, of Commercial Vehicle Section, at (916) 843-3400.

Sincerely,

W. A. STANLEY
Commissioner