

EXECUTIVE ORDER EWE 93-28

WHEREAS, the health, welfare and prosperity of thousands of Louisiana's citizens depend upon the productivity of the Louisiana cotton farmer;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana cotton farmer has begun to utilize modern technology to increase his productivity;

WHEREAS, this technology includes the use of the cotton module to form bales of cotton in the field and transport same to the gin;

WHEREAS, these cotton modules are indivisible loads and the weight thereof cannot be shifted or redistributed, thereby creating overweight vehicles;

WHEREAS, an exceptional economic problem has been created by the weight restrictions on cotton modules, therefore requiring action to be taken;and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Governor of the State of Louisiana that this Executive Order shall supplement the provisions of Revised Statutes Title 32;

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana, do direct the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to issue a special permit to the operators of cotton modules as follows:

SECTION 1: A special overweight permit shall be issued to the operators of cotton modules with the following restrictions:

1. These permits shall only be valid if the vehicle is operating on the State Highway System.
2. These permits shall allow total gross weight not to exceed 86,000 lbs. The vehicle may under no circumstances exceed its licensed gross weight.
3. These permits shall be issued at the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development without cost to the applicant.
4. One permit shall be valid for 135 days, however each vehicle must carry a separate permit identifying same.

SECTION 2: A cotton module and transporter consists of a truck chassis fitted with a specialized bed which tilts to pick up and discharge its load. The bed contains conveyor chains which enable loading or unloading of a compressed cotton module. Only this configuration qualifies for the above specific permit.

SECTION 3: This executive order shall be effective upon signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of 1993, in the month of September.

*Fox McKeithen*

ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR  
Fox McKeithen  
Secretary of State

*Edwin W. Edwards*  
Edwin W. Edwards  
Governor

