



COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
EMERGENCY ORDER
2024-CHRISTMAS

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and Mr. Santa Claus of the North Pole share a deep and steadfast relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services recognizes Mr. Santa Claus' important mission of spreading holiday cheer; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2024, children in all 67 counties across Florida will go to sleep with hopes that St. Nicholas soon will be there; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santa Claus has demonstrated a pattern of immense care for his nine (9) faithful reindeer over the years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Claus holds a special place in the hearts of Floridians, both young and old. His impact brings joy, hope, and wonderment to all; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and its more than 4,000 dedicated public servants wish Floridians a happy and healthy Christmas.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the powers and authorities conferred by Article IV, Section 4, Florida Constitution, and for the benefit of all good girls and boys across Florida, I hereby declare the following:

1. The requirements related to certificates of animal movement in the state pursuant to Chapter 585.08, Florida Statutes, is waived for Mr. Santa Claus and his nine (9) flying reindeer.
2. Mr. Santa Claus is authorized to bypass any of the 23 agricultural inspection stations in Florida.
3. Weight and size restrictions for loads on magical flying sleighs transporting services, presents for Florida's good children, agricultural commodities, citrus, and any goods Mr. Santa Claus may need during his time in Florida is waived.
4. The department's Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement, directed by Colonel Lee "Justice Jingle" Adams Jr., stands ready to assist Mr. Santa Claus in any way necessary to make his visit to Florida a memorable and joyous one.
5. The Florida Forest Service welcomes Mr. Santa Claus and his reindeer to any Florida State Forest and any fees or reservation requirements is waived.
6. Floridians are encouraged to leave Fresh From Florida treats out for Mr. Santa Claus and his reindeer on Christmas Eve (December 24) to provide nourishment for their long journey.

THIS ORDER first entered on December 24, 2024, as Emergency Order 2024-CHRISTMAS, is hereby extended through sunrise on December 25, 2024, unless extended or rescinded by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

EXECUTED DECEMBER 24, 2024.

WILTON SIMPSON
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Signed under the advisement of Addy and Emy Monbarren