WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina faces a difficult situation with respect to the transportation of containerized cargo involved in international trade; and

WHEREAS, there exists a discrepancy in the law regarding weight limits on the primary road system and the Interstate Highway System which increases the difficulty and cost of transporting such containerized cargo; and

WHEREAS, this discrepancy encourages carriers to utilize the primary and secondary highway systems in order to avoid violating the weight laws on the Interstate System, contributing to congestion in commercial and residential areas and thus reducing the level of safety in these areas; and

WHEREAS, efficient moving of containerized cargo involved in international trade traveling on the most expeditious routes will further our goal in maintaining an equal system of distribution through South Carolina;
NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby direct the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation to classify such containerized loads as nondivisible loads and subject to the provisions of Section 56-5-4170. The total overall gross vehicle weight shall not exceed ninety thousand pounds and will include a maximum single axle weight not to exceed twenty thousand pounds and a maximum tandem axle weight not to exceed the weight permitted on all other highways in South Carolina plus the ten percent (10%) tolerance as specified in Section 56-5-4170. The operators of such units shall at all times have in their possession the international bills of lading to verify that such units are being operated pursuant to this Order.

I HEREBY FURTHER AUTHORIZE designation by the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation of the State Ports Authority as the Department's Agent to facilitate the implementation of this Order.
This Order shall be effective November 7, 1984, and shall remain in effect until May 31, 1985, to enable adequate review time for this discrepancy in law to be addressed by the membership of the South Carolina General Assembly.


RICHARD W. RILEY
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State