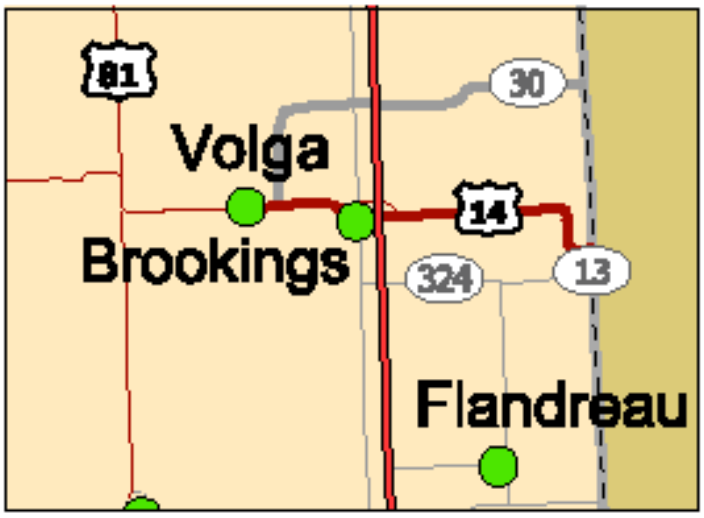
Exemption for Minnesota Trucks (Updated August 2023)

If you are a Minnesota soybean producer and concerns about truck licensing have kept you from delivering beans to our Volga facility, read on.

Normally, a Minnesota Vehicle Reciprocity Free Zone allows Minnesota and South Dakota individuals and corporations to perform interstate commerce with a non-commercial vehicle within 20 miles of each state's border without being licensed in the neighboring state. The problem: Volga is 25 miles from the border. After some investigation, and working with the South Dakota Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Office, we have found an exemption to that agreement allowing Minnesota producers to travel under that free zone the extra few miles to South Dakota Soybean Processors in Volga, SD.

There are some restrictions. Non-commercial trucks can only enter and exit South Dakota from U.S. Highway 14. Accepted byways include U.S. Highway 30 on the northern edge to S.D. (see map below). To qualify you must be registered under the IFTA (International Fuel Tax Agreement) or purchase a $20 one-time entry/exit fuel permit per trip. If you intend to haul several loads, you may want to consider becoming IFTA-registered. Trucks must be compliant with Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations, including having the DOT number and your company name (e.g. Nielsen Farms) visible on the truck. Drivers must carry a medical card. However, trucks are not exempt if they travel I-29 to Highway 14, and they must not travel beyond Volga.

For more detailed information contact: *www.sdtruckinfo.gov* (South Dakota rules and regulations); SD Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Office—605-773-4578 IFTA registration—*mndriveinfo.org*, or call Minnesota Public Safety at 651-297-2126.

SDSP was assured by the South Dakota Motor Carrier Office that their officers receive the information about the exemption during training. Should you experience any problems while hauling to Volga, feel free to call our Commercial Merchandising Department at 888-737-7888.