

Stacy Steffensen

From: Larry Jensen
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 11:01 AM
To: Stacy Steffensen
Subject: Fwd: Rumblestrips/Flashing stop signs/South Dakota Soybean Processors Volga

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Subject: Rumblestrips/Flashing stop signs/South Dakota Soybean Processors Volga

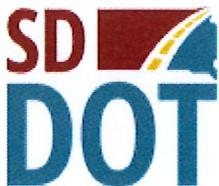
Brian and Larry,

Thank you for letting me know about the Volga Soybean Plant and what they had on their website. This could affect us indirectly, but it definitely affects the Department of Public Safety and we will check with them to see if we as DOT need to be concerned with this potential change.

I visited with Matt Dorfschmidt, Aberdeen Region Traffic Engineer, and got the following updates:

We ordered the flashing stop signs on November 4, the supplier gave us a delivery date of no later than January 15. Once we get the signs, we will have them installed within a week.

We have not heard back from the rumblestrip contractor. The latest scenario would be to have these put in first thing this spring and then seal them with tack oil immediately after installation.



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From: Brian Gustad <BGustad@brookingscountysd.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 9:57 AM
To: Brey, Matt <Matt.Brey@state.sd.us>
Subject: Fw: [EXT] South Dakota Soybean Processors Volga

Matt, this is what South Dakota Soybean Processors Volga, SD has on their website.

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From: Brian Gustad <BGustad@brookingscountysd.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 5:53:37 PM
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Subject: South Dakota Soybean Processors Volga

Good evening,

This was brought to my attention this evening. Was anyone aware of the suggestion the soybean plant is making to MN farmers and elevators?

https://sdsbp.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Exemption_for_Minnesota_Trucks.pdf

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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.

