

**2001 No. 3606**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 2001**

*Made - - - - - 5th November 2001*

*Laid before Parliament 8th November 2001*

*Coming into force - - 1st December 2001*

The Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 56(1) and (2) of the Finance Act 1973(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

**Citation, commencement and revocation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as The Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 2001 and shall come into force on 1st December 2001.

(2) The Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 2000(b) and The Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2001(c) are hereby revoked.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations:—

“the ECMT Council” means the Council of Ministers of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport;

“ECMT licence” means a licence granted pursuant to the scheme adopted by Resolution No. 26 of the ECMT Council of 14th June 1973(d);

“Ecopoints” means Ecopoints issued pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3637/93(e) on a system of distribution of Rights of Transit (Ecopoints) for heavy goods vehicles with a laden weight of over 7.5 tonnes registered in a Member State transiting through Austria;

“empty permit” means a permit to travel on Swiss territory granted for goods vehicles that are empty or are transporting light loads;

“full-weight permit” means a permit to travel on Swiss territory granted for goods vehicles the actual total laden weight of which is more than 34 tonnes but not more than 40 tonnes;

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(a) 1973 c. 51.

(b) S.I. 2000/3207.

(c) S.I. 2001/309.

(d) CM(73)5 Final, ECMT 20th Annual Report and Resolutions of the Council of Ministers (1973), pp. 64-65, ISBN 92-821.

(e) O.J. No. L 373, 21.12.1992, p. 1.

“journey permit” means a permit issued pursuant to an agreement or arrangement mentioned in column 1 of the Schedule to these Regulations under the provision or one of the provisions of the agreement or arrangement mentioned opposite thereto in column 2 of that Schedule and providing for the number of outward and inward journeys stated in the permit;

“removals authorisation” means an authorisation for removals carriage carried out by undertakings having special staff and equipment for the purpose granted in accordance with Resolution No. 53 of the ECMT Council of 29th and 30th May 1985(a) amending Resolution No. 44 of that Council of 1st June 1978(b) concerning the regulations governing international transport by road and the liberalisation of certain types of such transport; and

“Swiss permit” means a full-weight or empty permit issued pursuant to European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No. 2888/2000(c) on the distribution of permits for heavy goods vehicles travelling in Switzerland.

### Fees

- 3.—(1) The fee payable on the issue of an ECMT licence shall be—
- (a) £107 if it is valid for a period of one year; or
  - (b) if it is valid for a period of less than one year, a fee at the rate of £27 for each period for which it is valid being—
    - (i) a complete period of three months; or
    - (ii) a period of less than three months following any complete period of three months covered by the licence; or
    - (iii) a period of less than three months which is not followed by a complete period of three months covered by the licence.
- (2) The fee payable on the issue of Ecopoints covering one journey, whether outward or inward, in respect of which they are issued shall be £3.
- (3) The fee payable on the issue of a journey permit shall be—
- (a) £6 if the permit covers one outward and inward journey; or
  - (b) £11 if the permit covers 4 outward and inward journeys to Turkey; or
  - (c) £41 if the permit covers 15 outward and inward journeys to Morocco.
- (4) The fee payable on the issue of a removals authorisation shall be £14.
- (5) The fee payable on the issue of a Swiss permit shall be £6.
- (6) All fees received under these Regulations shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

*David Jamieson*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State  
Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

4th November 2001

We consent to the making of these Regulations

*Tony McNulty*  
*Nick Ainger*  
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

5th November 2001

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(a) CM(85)10 Final, ECMT Activity of the Conference—Resolutions of the Council of Ministers (1985), pp. 48-51, ISBN 92-821-1110-5.  
(b) CM(80)2, ECMT Activity of the Conference—Resolutions of the Council of Ministers (1980), Vol. 1, pp. 107-110, ISBN 92-821-1072-9.  
(c) O.J. No. L 336, 30.12.2000, p. 9.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

IN THIS SCHEDULE, “HER MAJESTY’S GOVERNMENT” MEANS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

<i>1</i> <i>Agreement or Arrangement</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Provision</i>
Arrangement dated 24th November 1975 between the Secretary of State for the Environment in Her Majesty’s Government and the Federal Minister of the Republic of Austria on the carriage of goods by road(a).	Clauses 3 and 5
Agreement by exchange of letters dated 16th December 1993 between the Department of Transport of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Belarus(a).	Whole
Agreement dated 16th August 1995 between Her Majesty’s Government and the Government of the Republic of Estonia on International Road Transport(b).	Articles 4 and 5
Agreement by exchange of letters dated 8th September 1993 between the Department of Transport of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Ministry of Transport of Germany(a).	Whole
Agreement dated 15th April 1994 between Her Majesty’s Government and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco on the International Carriage of Goods by Road(c).	Articles 3 and 4
Agreement dated 12th June 1969 between Her Majesty’s Government and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania on International Road Transport(d).	Article 8
Agreement dated 22nd January 1988 between Her Majesty’s Government and the Government of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics concerning International Road Transport, with Administrative Memorandum(e).	Article 5
Agreement dated 10th March 1982 between Her Majesty’s Government and the Government of the Tunisian Republic on the International Carriage of Goods by Road(f).	Article 3
Agreement dated 9th September 1977 between Her Majesty’s Government and the Government of the Republic of Turkey concerning International Road Transport(g).	Articles 7 and 8
Agreement dated 13th December 1995 between Her Majesty’s Government and the Government of Ukraine(h).	Articles 5 and 6
Agreement dated 13th November 1997 between Her Majesty’s Government and the Government of the Republic of Georgia concerning International Road Transport(i).	Articles 4 and 5

(a) Copies of these documents may be inspected at and obtained from the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, Zone 2/22, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DR.

(b) Cm. 4398.

(c) Cm. 4801.

(d) Cm. 4413.

(e) Cm. 657.

(f) Cm. 734.

(g) Cm. 7276.

(h) Cm. 4879.

(i) Cm. 4016.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations replace The Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/3207 as amended by S.I. 2001/309) (“the 2000 Regulations”), which are revoked.

The Regulations prescribe the fees to be paid to the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, as from 1st December 2001, for the issue of documents authorising the operation of goods vehicles on journeys—

- (a) between the United Kingdom and other member countries of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport;
- (b) between the United Kingdom and certain states with whom bilateral agreements or arrangements have been concluded;
- (c) in transit through Austria (“Ecopoints”);
- (d) in Switzerland.

The Regulations prescribe, in regulations 3(1), 3(2), 3(3)(a) and 3(4) fees higher than those charged previously under the 2000 Regulations in relation to, respectively, the issue of an ECMT licence, Ecopoints, a journey permit for a single outward and inward journey, and a removals authorisation as follows:

<i>old fee</i>	<i>new fee</i>
£74	£107
£18.50	£27
£2	£3
£4	£6
£9	£14

The Ecopoints system was created by an Agreement concluded on 30th November 1992 and taking effect on 1st January 1993 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on the transit of goods by road and rail (“the Transit Agreement”) (OJ No. L373, 21.12.1992, p. 6). Under the Transit Agreement the number of Ecopoints required by a road vehicle if it is to travel through Austria is determined according to the level of nitrogen oxide which it emits. The prescribed fee (r.3(2)) is payable for the issue of Ecopoints covering one journey through Austria, whether outward, inward or transit.

In relation to the issue of journey permits other than for a single (outward and inward) journey, regulation 3(b) and (c) prescribes rates for journey permits of 4 journeys to Turkey (£11, previously £8) and 15 journeys to Morocco (£41, previously £28).

From 1st January 2001 to 31st December 2004, access to Switzerland by Community heavy goods vehicles (laden weight over 34 tonnes and up to 40 tonnes) is controlled by means of quotas of Swiss permits, as allocated to the Community by Switzerland. European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No. 2888/2000 (“the EC Regulation”) establishes the rules governing the management and distribution of the permits among Member States.

Regulation 3(5) prescribes the fee (£6, previously £4) payable for the issue of a Swiss permit. These permits fall into two types: (1) full-weight permits which are required by the Swiss authorities and authorise the operation of heavy goods vehicles with a laden weight of over 34 tonnes and up to 40 tonnes on journeys in Switzerland; and (2) empty permits for heavy goods vehicles which are empty or transporting light loads.

Empty permits are available on a quotas basis for the purpose of securing reduced charges for use of Swiss motorways. Since reductions in Swiss motorway charges for heavy goods vehicles are only available for vehicles with an empty or laden weight between 7.5 and 28 tonnes, this weight band is in effect taken to be a light load.

No reduction in Swiss motorway charges is available for heavy goods vehicles in excess of 28 tonnes but less than 34 tonnes in weight, hence no Swiss permit is either required or issued for this category.

No distinction is made between the two types of Swiss permit for purposes of the fee charged, but they are subject to separate quota arrangements set out in the EC Regulation.

ECMT publications may be obtained from the OECD Publications Service, 2 Rue André Pascal, 75775 Paris Cedex 16, France.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has been carried out and a copy placed in the library of both Houses of Parliament. Copies can be obtained from the Road Freight Operations Policy Division, Zone 2/22, Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, Great Minister House, 76 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DR (telephone 020 7944 2776).





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