

# EXEMPTIONS AND DEROGATIONS FROM THE EU TACHOGRAPH AND DRIVER'S HOURS RULES

The following tables contains a list of vehicles that are exempt from the EU rules – some of the vehicles are exempted from the EU regardless of where the vehicle is driven while others are exempted only when driven within the State

## Vehicles exempted from the EU rules on tachograph and driver's hour across the EU

- i. Vehicles used on regular passenger services where the route covered by the service does not exceed 50km.
- ii. Vehicles or combination of vehicles with a maximum permissible mass not exceeding 7.5 tonnes used for carrying materials, equipment or machinery for the driver's use in the course of his work, and which are used only within a 100 km radius from the base of the undertaking and on condition that driving the vehicles does not constitute the driver's main activity
- iii. Vehicles with a maximum authorised speed not exceeding 40 km per hour
- iv. Vehicles used by the Defence Forces, fire services and those used for maintaining public order
- v. Vehicles, including vehicles used in the non-commercial transport of humanitarian aid, used in emergencies or rescue operations
- vi. Specialised vehicles used for medical purposes
- vii. Specialised breakdown vehicles operating within 100 km of base
- viii. Vehicle undergoing road tests for technical development, repair or maintenance purposes and new or rebuilt vehicles which have not yet been put into service
- ix. Vehicles or combination with a max permissible mass not exceeding 7.5 tonnes used for the non-commercial carriage of goods
- x. Vintage commercial vehicles used for the non-commercial carriage of passengers or goods.

## Irish registered vehicles exempted from the EU rules on tachograph and driver's hours rules while operating within the State<sup>1</sup>

- a. Goods vehicles not exceeding 3.5 tonnes (i.e. most vans)
- b. All passenger vehicles with 8 or less passenger seats (including taxis, private cars)

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<sup>1</sup> Ireland and UK have agreed to mutually recognise certain vehicles which have been exempted their jurisdictions from the requirements to use a tachograph and are exempted from the driver's hours rules – therefore UK or NI registered vehicles may be eligible to claim an exemption from the tachograph and driver's hours rules when being operated in Ireland.

- c. Vehicles owned or hired without a driver by public authorities to undertake carriage by road which do not compete with private transport undertakings
- d. Vehicles used for agricultural, forestry, farming or fishery undertakings subject to certain rules
- e. Agricultural tractors and forestry tractors used for agricultural or forestry activities within a radius of up to 100 km from the base of the undertaking
- f. Vehicles with a maximum permissible mass not exceeding 7.5 tonnes used by postal companies to deliver items as part of the universal service subject to a distance restriction. These vehicles shall be used only within a 100 km radius from the base of the undertaking, and on condition that driving the vehicles does not constitute the driver's main activity
- g. Vehicles operating on islands not exceeding 2,300 square kilometres in area not linked to the national territory by a bridge, ford or tunnel
- h. Vehicles for the carriage of goods within a 100 km of base of the undertaking propelled by natural or liquefied gas or electricity, the maximum permissible mass of which, including the trailer or semi-trailer, does not exceed 7.5 tonnes
- i. Vehicles used for driving instruction and examination with a view to obtaining a driving licence or driver CPC provided they are not being used for the commercial carriage of goods or passengers
- j. vehicles used for particular public services (waste collection, water, gas, electricity, telephone and road maintenance etc.)
- k. Vehicles used in connection with sewerage, flood protection, water, gas and electricity maintenance services, road maintenance and control, door to door refuse collection and disposal, telegraph and telephone services, radio and television broadcasting and the detection of radio or television transmitters or receivers
- l. Vehicles with between 10 and 17 seats used exclusively for the non-commercial carriage of passengers
- m. Specialised vehicles transporting circus and funfair equipment
- n. Specially fitted mobile project vehicles, the primary purpose of which is use as an education facility when stationary
- o. Vehicles used for milk collection from farms and the return to farms of milk containers or milk products intended for animal feed
- p. Mobile banks
- q. Vehicles used for carrying animal waste or carcasses which are not intended for human consumption
- r. Vehicles used exclusively on roads inside hub facilities such as ports and railway terminals
- s. Vehicles used for the carriage of live animals from farms to local markets and vice versa or from local markets to local slaughter houses within a radius of up to 100km.