



Leaflet for the owners of foreign vehicles concerning the type and the form of emission certificates

1 Legal bases

Federal law of 19th December 1997 concerning a distance-related heavy vehicle fee (No. 641.81 of the Classified Compilation of the Federal Law):

Article 6 Principle

¹ The fee is calculated on the basis of the maximum permitted weight of the vehicle and of the kilometres driven.

² For combined vehicles, the combined weight permitted for the tractor vehicle may be used as a reference.

³ Moreover, the fee may be levied according to the pollutant emission or the consumption.

Ordinance of 6th March 2000 concerning a distance-related heavy vehicle fee (No. 641.811 of the Classified Compilation of the Federal Law):

Article 14 Tariff

¹ For each kilometre driven and each ton of determining weight, the fee amounts to:

- a. 3.10 cents for the fee category 1;
- b. 2.69 cents for the fee category 2;
- c. 2.28 cents for the fee category 3.

² Annex 1 is determining for the assignment to the fee categories. If the belonging of a vehicle to one of the categories 2 or 3 cannot be proved, fee category 1 is applicable.

Annex 1 of the HVF ordinance

Fee categories: heavy motor vehicles (total weight over 3.5 tons)

Fee category 1 (EURO 5,4, 3, 2, 1 and earlier)	Fee category 2 (-)	Fee category 3 (EURO 6 and later)
Fee category 1 applies to vehicles which meet neither the conditions of fee category 2 nor those of fee category 3.		Under the international provisions: EC- 595/2009 - (EU) 582/2011 EC- 715/2007 - 692/2008 table 2 ECE-49R - 06 and following ECE-83R - 07 and following

Moreover, for vehicles registered in the EU¹:

Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the carriage of goods and passengers by rail and road

Article 44 ⁽³⁾ Ecological standards for commercial vehicles

The EURO emission category for heavy goods vehicles (as defined in Community legislation), if not stated on the vehicle registration document, must be ascertained from the date on which the vehicle first entered into service, as stated on that document, or, where appropriate, from an additional special document issued by the competent authorities of the issuing State.

2 Emission certificate

When registering the master data of the vehicle, the fee category may be proved as follows:

1. **Proof** of the emission according to the **information given by the vehicle licence** (registration document), under the international provisions stated in annex 1 of the HVF ordinance,

for example EURO 4, EURO 5, resp. 1999/96/EC; B1 or ECE-49R - 05 C.

National designations which could be stated in vehicle licences, e.g. pollution class "XY" or fiscal class "XY", are not accepted.

2. **Additional document** issued by a **competent authority of the country of registration** clearly stating that the international provisions under annex 1 of the HVF ordinance are observed.

The following bodies are for instance considered competent authorities:

- the office which has registered the vehicle;
- further State approved inspection bodies, as for instance the TÜV in Germany or the RDW in the Netherlands, in so far as these bodies are recognized by the Directorate General of Customs in Berne and have been reported to it.

3. **ECMT (CEMT) certificate**

Certificates in accordance with **annexes** to the "Guide for government officials and carriers on the use of the ECMT multilateral quota" / "Manuel à l'usage des fonctionnaires et des transporteurs utilisant le contingent multilatéral CEMT".

4. **COP certificate**

COP documents **clearly stating** the emission standards under annex 1 of the HVF ordinance.

5. **Certificate of the manufacturer**

Certificates issued by vehicle **manufacturers**, stating the **type** and the **chassis number** of the vehicle concerned, as well as the **emission standards** under annex 1 of the HVF.

For **vehicles registered in the EU¹** only:

6. Assignment to the corresponding EURO norm according to the **date of the first entry into service**. In this case, the following dates are valid for heavy motor vehicles over 3.5 tons:

from 1 st October 1993	EURO 1	fee category 1
from 1 st October 1996	EURO 2	fee category 1
from 1 st October 2001	EURO 3	fee category 1
from 1 st October 2006	EURO 4	fee category 2
from 1 st October 2009	EURO 5	fee category 2
from 1 st January 2014	EURO 6	fee category 3

In other cases:

If the belonging of a vehicle to one of the categories 2 or 3 (Euro 4 and later) **cannot be proved**, the **fee category 1** is applicable.

Changes are possible at any time at a border customs office on presentation of the required documents.

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¹ Valid for the former European Union states; The 10 new member states since 01.05.04 (CZ, EST, H, LT, LV, PL, SK, SLO, M, CY) are not classified after number 6, if the first entry into service took place before 01.05.04 (01.01.07 for BG and RO, 01.07.13 for HR).