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# INFORMATION ON THE GRANTING OF AN EXEMPTION FROM THE BAN ON DRIVING TRUCKS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

In accordance with Section 30 (3) of the German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO), there is a driving ban on Sundays and public holidays from 12am to 10pm for HGVs with trailers or a gross vehicle weight of over 7.5 tonnes. This also applies on all Saturdays from 1 July to 31 August each year between 7am and 8pm.

To make it easier to set up and dismantle at events, exhibitors have the option of applying for an exemption from the ban on driving in accordance with Section 30 (3) StVO for the transport of exhibition goods by trucks over 7.5 tonnes.

The basis for this is provided by Section 46 (1) No. 7 of the StVO, according to which an individual or permanent permit can be issued for certain types of transport.

At the Conference of Transport Ministers on 9 October 2007, it was unanimously decided that approval practice should be based on the following criteria:

- 2.5 *Equipment, exhibits and foodstuffs for trade fairs, exhibitions, markets, public festivals, cultural or sporting events,*
- 2.6 *journeys by vintage lorries to trade fairs, exhibitions, markets, public festivals cultural and sporting events,*
- 2.10 *Empty journeys and return journeys in connection with the above journeys*

The application notes of the Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior on the current regulations stipulate that in the case of such a transport, an urgency must be assumed that justifies the regular granting of exemptions without a more detailed case-by-case examination (simplified granting of exemptions (simplified authorisation procedure)).

The application for an exemption authorisation must be submitted in writing to the relevant road traffic authority including the reasons for the transport and the details of the goods being transported. In Munich, this is done by the district office.

Foreign applicants can submit the application in advance to the road traffic authority in whose area the border crossing will take place. For example, the Rosenheim District Office is responsible for the former Kiefersfelden/Kufstein border crossing.