

## INTRODUCTION OF SMART TACHOGRAPH 2: TOLERANCE PERIOD OVERVIEW

**Overview of tolerance regimes for temporary registration and immunity from sanctions granted by Member States to vehicles equipped with smart tachograph 1 (SMT1) after 21/08/2023.**

### I. BACKGROUND

Smart tachograph version 2 (SMT2) is the new generation of on-board digital recorder to enforce the EU legislation on professional drivers driving and resting times, cabotage and posting of drivers rules.

From 21 August 2023, newly registered commercial vehicles must be equipped with the SMT2. However, due to material delays in the availability of the new SMT2 devices, a great number of new trucks and coaches cannot be equipped with SMT2 on time. As a result, individual EU Member States have started introducing temporary tolerance periods for the registration and use of new vehicles temporarily equipped with SMT1.

Country	Temporary allowing registration of new vehicles equipped with SMT1 after 21/08/23	Immunity for sanctions on transport operators using vehicles registered after 21/08/23, which are equipped with SMT1	Conditions attached to the exemption	Additional information
Austria	Yes, until 31/05/2024 only for domestic use.	N/A	Retrofit mandatory by 01/06/2024.	Available <a href="#">here</a> .
France	Yes, within a limited timeframe set with competent authorities.	N/A	Retrofit with SMT2 mandatory within: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 months for new vehicles sold as complete</li> <li>• 6 months for vehicles sold as incomplete (multi stage) .</li> </ul>	Available <a href="#">here</a> .
Germany	Yes, until 31/12/2023.	Yes, until 31/12/2023 irrespective of transport operator's nationality / vehicle's country of registration.	Retrofit with SMT2 of registered vehicle mandatory latest 24 months after first registration.	Available <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> .
Ireland	Yes, until 30/09/2023 only for domestic use.	Yes, until 30/09/2023 only for domestic use.	New vehicles carrying international operations (including between Ireland and Northern Ireland), should be fitted of SMT2 from	

			21/08/2023, while other vehicles must be retrofitted by 30/09/2023.	
Italy	Not mentionned.	Not mentioned in Government letter to police.	N/A	Available <a href="#">here</a> .
Lithuania	Yes, until 30/09/2023.	Yes, until 30/09/2023 only for domestic use.	N/A	N/A
Netherlands	No.	N/A	N/A	NA
Norway		Yes, until 31/01/2024 irrespective of transport operator's nationality / vehicle's country of registration.	Retrofit with SMT2 mandatory by 31/01/2024.	To be completed.
Spain	Yes, until 31/12/2023.	Yes, until 31/12/2023.	To be completed.	To be completed.
Sweden	Yes, until 31/01/2024.	Yes, until 31/01/2024, irrespective of transport operator's nationality / vehicle's country of registration	Retrofit with SMT2 mandatory until 31/01/2024.	Available <a href="#">here</a> .
Switzerland	Yes, until 31/05/2024 only for domestic use.		Retrofit with SMT2 during the 1st inspection within the next 24 months for vehicles registered between the 21st of August 2023 and the 31st of May 2024.	Available <a href="#">here</a> .
United Kingdom	Yes, until 21/02/2024 only for domestic use.	Yes, until 21/02/2024 only for domestic use.		Available <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> .

## II. ACTIONS FOR MEMBERS

Members are kindly invited to:

- Check the preliminary information provided in the table concerning their own country;
- Inform IRU's Secretariat ([victoire.couelle@iru.org](mailto:victoire.couelle@iru.org) & [oleg.kambeski@iru.org](mailto:oleg.kambeski@iru.org)) about any similar provisions applied in their own countries;
- Advocate with their authorities the introduction of similar exemption measure, as advocated in the IRU [letter](#) to Commissioner Velez, with the objective to harmonise the implementation of the exemptions at EU level;
- Inform their members, the fleet operators about the tolerance periods introduced by EU Member States.

## III. NEXT STEPS

To discuss the issue and ensure a close follow up of the situation, the IRU Secretariat has set up an online discussion with Members on Tuesday 29 August, at 14:00 CET. Interested members are invited to join the discussion at the following [link](#).

In addition, a formal discussion will also take place at the upcoming meeting of the IRU Commission on Social Affairs (CAS) on 6 September in Brussels (in person meeting linked [here](#)). During these discussions we will elaborate further on the retrofitting with SMT2, which might become an even bigger issue than the current one.