

TEMPORARY RELAXATION OF DRIVERS' HOURS RULES – ARTICLE 14(2) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 561/2006

No.	MS	Urgent circumstances	Period	Group of drivers	Date of notification	Notified by
1.	DK	Circumstances linked with the outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 in mink farms and the necessity to transport the equipment for culling the minks urgently.	07/11/2020-20/11/2020	This temporary exception only applies to the transport of equipment to mink herds in Denmark, where this equipment must be used for culling the minks.	07/11/2020	The Danish Road Traffic Authority
2.	FR	Weather conditions (snowfalls) in the French Alps, which required urgent transportation of the live animals from the pastures covered with snow to the winter animal shelters.	06/10/2020-09/10/2020	This temporary exception applies to drivers involved in transport operations of live animals in the French Alps.	07/10/2020	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
3.	UK	Shortage of LPG at strategically important refineries in England and Wales.	08/03/2020-29/03/2020	This temporary exception applies to drivers of vehicles transporting liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), undertaking 'trunk' deliveries in England, Scotland and Wales,	05/03/2020	UK Ministry of Transport
4.	FR	Social movement causing severe disturbances to the national supply of liquefied natural gas and economic activity	22/01/2020-27/01/2020	This temporary exception applies only to drivers involved in the transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG).	22/01/2020	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
5.	FR	Social movement causing severe disturbances to the national supply of	16/01/2020-20/01/2020	This temporary exception applies only to drivers involved in the transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG).	15/01/2020	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne

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		liquefied natural gas				
6.	FR	Social movement causing severe disturbances to the national supply of liquefied petroleum gas	20/12/2019-24/12/2019	The temporary exception applies only to drivers involved in the transportation of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).	24/12/2019	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
7.	FR	Strikes affecting the conditions of transport in France	18/12/2019-24/12/2019	The temporary exception applies to all drivers involved in the transportation of passengers, excluding school transport, urban transport and sanitary transport operations.	20/12/2019	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
8.	UK	Expected increase in the demand for LPG following supply issues at two main refineries	20/12/2019-6/01/2020	This temporary exception applies only to drivers involved in the delivery of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) within England and Wales.	19/12/2019	DfT
9.	FR	Social movement causing severe disturbances to the national supply of liquefied natural gas	10/12/2019-16/12/2019	This temporary exception applies to drivers involved in the transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG).	13/12/2019	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
10	ES	Events in Catalonia disrupting national supply and economic activity	11/12/2019-13/12/2019	This temporary exception applies to all drivers involved in freight or passenger transport operations conducted fully or partially in the provinces of Barcelona and Girona.	4/12/2019	Representación permanente de España ante la Unión Europea
11	FR	Social movement disturbing the national supply of hydrocarbons	29/11/2019-09/12/2019	This temporary exception applies to all drivers involved in the transportation of hydrocarbons on the French territory.	05/12/2019	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne

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12	AT	Urgent damage repair operations following exceptional weather events	13/11/2019-12/12/2019	This temporary exception applies to all drivers of vehicles involved in disaster response operations in the province of Salzburg (Counties of Pongau, Pinzgau and Lungau).	4/12/2019	Permanent representation of Austria to the EU
13	FR	Exceptional weather events disturbing the electricity supply network	22/11/2019-27/11/2019	This temporary exception applies to all drivers involved in the transportation of hydrocarbons to the Ardèche and Drôme departments.	25/11/2019	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
14	ES	National protests disrupting traffic conditions and national supply	11/10/2019-13/10/2019 (a); and 12/11/2019, 18:00 to 23:00 (b)	This temporary exception applies to all drivers involved in road transport operations totally or partially carried out in (a) the provinces of Barcelona and Girona and (b) the province of Guipúzca, on the road sections of AP-8, N-121 and Gi-636, direction France.	21/11/2019	Dirección General de Transporte Terrestre Ministerio de Fomento
15	NO	Building of an alternative road after a landslide led to a road closure	04/09/2019-12/09/2019	This exception applies to drivers involved in the transport operations necessary for the building of an alternative road and working under the authority of project Fosenvegene (part of the Norwegian Public Roads Administration).	05/11/2019	EFTA Surveillance Authority
16	ES	National protests disrupting traffic conditions and national supply	14/10/2019-20/10/2019	This temporary exception applies to drivers driving vehicles used for freight or passenger transport in the autonomous region of <i>Catalonia</i> .	30/10/2019	Dirección General de Transporte Terrestre Ministerio de Fomento
17	AT	Heavy snowfall in Tyrol	03/01/2019-01/02/2019	This temporary exception applies to drivers driving vehicles used for disaster relief operations following heavy snowfall in Tyrol (<i>districts of Kitzbühel, Reutte, Imst, Innsbruck-Land, Innsbruck Stadt, Schwaz, Kufstein</i>).	16/01/2019	Transport Attaché
18	CZ	Extreme weather conditions	12/12/2018-13/12/2018	This temporary exception applies to drivers involved in freight transport on highway D1, between Prague and Brno (both directions, km 70-130)	13/12/2018	Transport Attaché

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19	FR	National protests disrupting traffic conditions of trucks transporting fuel and national supply of fuel	05/12/2018-09/12/2018	This temporary exception applies to drivers transporting fuel whose destination is one of the following French regions: <i>Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Bretagne, Grand Est, Normandie, Occitanie, Pays de la Loire et Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur.</i>	07/12/2018	Transport Attaché
20	FR	National protests disrupting traffic conditions and national supply	30/11/2018-05/12/2018	This temporary exception applies to drivers involved in freight transport.	07/12/2018	Transport Attaché
21	FR	National protests disrupting traffic conditions and national supply	22/11/2018-26/11/2018	This temporary exception applies to all drivers except those involved in school transportation.	26/11/2018	Transport Attaché
22	BE	Blockage of fuel depots due to protests	23/11/2018-29/11/2018	This temporary exception applies to drivers transporting fuel in Belgium.	22/11/2018	Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport
23	BE	Outbreak of African swine fever leading to the slaughtering of all pigs in the area	28/09/2018-02/10/2018	This temporary exception applies to drivers involved in the transport of pigs from the affected area to the place of slaughter (Denderleeuw).	27/09/2018	Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport
24	FR	Exceptional weather conditions and industrial action by farmers compromising fuel supply	15/06/2018-20/06/2018	This temporary exception applies to drivers transporting fuel.	20/06/2018	Ministry for Ecological and Solidarity Transition (Directorate for Transport)
25	UK	Extreme weather conditions in Northern Ireland	26/02/2018-02/03/2018	Relaxation applies only to drivers of vehicles engaged in the delivery of oil to households across Northern Ireland.	28/02/2018	DfT
26	FR	Exceptional Weather conditions, disrupting traffic and national supply	10/02/2018-14/02/2018	The relaxation applies to drivers performing freight transport in France.	12/02/2018	Transport Attaché

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27	UK	Increased demand for LPG due to supply problems at the refinery in England and Wales	09/02/2018-03/03/2018	The relaxation applies solely to drivers undertaking 'trunk' deliveries of LPG (for example from coastal import terminals and refineries to regional depots) in England and Wales. It does not apply to drivers undertaking deliveries to end consumers (such as households or businesses).	12/02/2018	DfT
28	NO	Closure of road bridge (E39 route between Lyngdal and Vigeland) that was damaged by flooding	09-13/10/2017	Norwegian association of truck owners Norsk Lastebileier-Forbund and to transport operator Custom & Cargo AS.	10/11/2017	EFTA Surveillance Authority
29	FR	To maintain the provision of fuel	22/09/-06/10/2017	Applies to drivers delivering hydrocarbons in several regions in France.	27/09/2017	Ministry of Transport
30	AT	Weather disasters	04/08-02/09/2017	Drivers involved in disaster relief work in Austria.	28/08/2017	Transport Attaché
31	UK	Livestock transport, in particular pigs from farms in Scotland to farms in England following major fire at Brechin Abattoir in Scotland.	21/08/2017-17/09/2017	It will apply only to livestock transporters holding a Long Journey Transporter authorisation (Type 2) and drivers holding a Certificate of Professional Competence specifically for pigs and who are involved in the delivery of live pigs from Scottish farms to abattoirs in England. Raising the fortnightly driving limit from 90 hours to 103 hours.	17/08/2017	DfT
32	FR	Fuel disruption due to social movement affecting several regions	01-07/06/2017	Drivers delivering hydrocarbons in several regions in France	06/06/2017	Transport Attaché
33	DK	Due to extraordinary circumstances/weather conditions	4/01 – 5/01/2017	Drivers transporting gravel and sand in the municipalities of Tønder, Aaberaa and Haderslev	5/01/2017	Danish Road Safety Agency
34	SV	Closure of a bridge in	29/06 –	Drivers of trucks and coaches affected and by the	29/06/2016	Swedish Transport Agency

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		Södertälje due to a traffic accident	29/07/2016	traffic diversion.		
35	SV	Effects of storms HILDE and IVAR over a forest area in the middle part of Sweden on 16-17/11 and 12-13/12/ 2013	10/03-09/04/14	Drivers transporting wood, timber, wood parts or wood chips from the storm-affected areas of the provinces of Jämtland, Västernorrlands and Västerbotten.	10/03/14	Swedish Transport Agency
36	UK	Exceptional circumstances of the increased demand due to a significant constraint in the supply of LPG to the Grangemouth refinery	12/04 - 22/04/13	Drivers of vehicles engaged in the delivery of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to domestic, agricultural and industrial premises (including journeys involved in the supply of these specified products between refineries to distribution depots) within Great Britain	11/04/13	DfT
37	UK	Exceptional circumstances of the increased demand for supplies of the commodities in (a), (b) and (c) due to extreme weather conditions	28/03 - 08/04/13	Drivers of vehicles engaged in the delivery of (a) road salt; (b) raw materials to feed mills and prepared feed to livestock farms; and (c) kerosene, gas oil and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to domestic, agricultural and small industrial premises (including journeys involved in the supply of these specified products between refineries to distribution depots) within Great Britain	28/03/13	DfT
38	UK	Exceptional circumstances of the increased demand for supplies due to the extreme winter weather	27/03 - 08/04/13	Drivers of vehicles engaged in delivery of oil to domestic and agricultural premises in Northern Ireland	28/03/13	DfT
39	UK	Exceptional circumstances of the extreme winter	25-30/03/13	Drivers of vehicles engaged in the food distribution and food service sectors who supply rural communities in Northern Ireland	25/03/13	DfT

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		weather				
40	UK	Exceptional circumstances of the increased demand for supplies due to the extreme weather conditions	24/03 - 08/04/13	Drivers of vehicles engaged in the distribution of raw materials to feed mills and prepared feed to livestock farms within Northern Ireland	25/03/13	DfT
41	UK	Exceptional circumstances of the extreme winter weather	24-30/03/13	Drivers of vehicles engaged in the distribution of raw materials to feed mills and prepared feed to livestock farms within Great Britain	24/03/13	DfT
42	UK	Exceptional circumstances of the increased demand for fuel	25 - 28/02/13	Drivers of vehicles engaged in the delivery of fuel within Scotland and northern England	24/02/13	DfT
43	SV	Effects of a storm DAGMAR over a forest areas in central Sweden on 25-26/12/12	21/05 - 20/06/12	Drivers transporting wood, timber, pieces of wood and chips from the storm-hit areas of the provinces of Jämtland, Ångermanland, Medelpad, Härjedalen, Hälsingland and Dalarna	21/05/12	Swedish Transport Agency
44	UK	Unprecedented increase in demand for fuel at forecourts	30/03/ - 12/04/2012 -	Drivers of fuel tankers engaged in the delivery of petrol or diesel within Great Britain	30/03/12	DfT
45	NL	Unexpected evacuation of livestock needed due to risks of breaches in dikes due to heavy rainfall and rise of water level	04-09/01/12	Increased number of drivers needed to evacuate livestock in particular from the Northern part of the Netherlands.	13/01/12	Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment
46	NO	Unexpected amount of bus transport needs due to the FIS Nordic	1-9/03/11	Limited number of bus drivers to deal with an unexpected enhanced need for bus transport related to the FIS Nordic World Ski	15/03/11	EFTA Surveillance Authority

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		World Ski Championships in Oslo		Championships in Oslo		
47	DK	Extraordinary circumstances linked to unusual severe weather conditions	23-31/12/10	Drivers transporting urgent supplies of feeding stuffs to livestock holdings with the aim of ensuring animal welfare	26/04/11	Danish National Police
48	UK	Extreme weather conditions	27/12/10-10/01/11	Distribution of fuel oil, liquid natural gas and petroleum related products in GB	20/01/11	UK Representation
49	UK	Extreme weather conditions	27/12/10-7/01/11	Hauliers suffering supply chain problems in Northern Ireland	20/01/11	UK Representation
50	UK	Extreme weather conditions	27/12/10-10/01/11	Supply of raw materials for the manufacture of aviation de-icer products and distribution of de-icer products to airports in GB	20/01/11	UK Representation
51	UK	Extreme weather conditions	27/12/10-7/01/11	Distribution of raw materials to feed mills and prepared feed to livestock farms in GB	20/01/11	UK Representation
52	UK	Extreme weather conditions	24-27/12/10	Delivery of cash to supply ATMs and collection of cash from supermarkets in Scotland	20/01/11	UK Representation
53	UK	Extreme weather conditions	20-24/12/10	Distribution of de-icer products direct to airports in GB	20/01/11	UK Representation
54	UK	Extreme weather conditions	20-24/12/10	Hauliers suffering supply chain problems in Northern Ireland	20/01/11	UK Representation
55	UK	Extreme weather conditions	17-24/12/10	Drivers involved in moving pigs between and from commercial; pig farms in Scotland and to Scottish abattoirs	20/12/10	DfT
56	UK	Extreme weather conditions	17-20/12/10	Hauliers suffering supply chain problems in Northern Ireland	20/12/10	DfT
57	UK	Extreme weather conditions	3-17/12/10	Distribution of concessionary coal on behalf of DECC to ex-employees of the British Coal Corporation and their dependants under the National Concessionary Fuel Scheme (NCFS)	3/12/10	DfT
58	UK	Extreme weather conditions	3-8/12/10	Distribution of de-icer products direct to airports	3/12/10	DfT

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		conditions		in GB		
59	UK	Extreme weather conditions	7-24/12/10	Hauliers suffering supply chain problems in Scotland	7/12/10	DfT
60	UK	Extreme weather conditions	6-11/12/10	Hauliers suffering supply chain problems in Northern Ireland	3/12/10	DfT
61	UK	Extreme weather conditions	3-7/12/10	Hauliers suffering supply chain problems in Great Britain	3/12/10	DfT
62	UK	Extreme weather conditions	3-24/12/10	Distribution of raw material to feed mills and prepared feed to livestock farms in GB	3/12/10	DfT
63	UK	Extreme weather conditions	3-24/12/10	Distribution of fuel oil. Liquid natural gas and petroleum related products to domestic, agricultural and small industrial premises, including journeys btwn. refineries to distribution depots or gas liquidation plants to re-gasification sites in GB	3/12/10	DfT
64	UK Scotland	Extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfalls and icy weather)	2-16/12/10	Distribution of raw materials used in the preparation of poultry feed to the feed mills and in supply of prepared feed to commercial poultry farms in SCOTLAND	2/12/10	DfT
65	FR	Volcanic ashes	18-24/04/10	Drivers of vehicles carrying passengers on national and international routes	23/04/10	Transport attaché; Minister of ecology, energy, sustainable development
66	LU	Volcanic ashes	21-24/04/10	Drivers of autocars (coaches) carrying passengers on national and international routes	22/04/10	Transport attaché, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure
67	DK	Unusual weather conditions (snowfalls)	7-13/01/10	Drivers transporting feed to livestock holdings (exempt from Art 6(2) and 8(6))	3/02/10	Danish National Police
68	UK	snowfalls	7-01– 1/02/10	heating oil, gas oil, LPG	26/01/10	Transport Attaché
69	UK	Snowfalls	7-18/01/10	Distribution of road salt, animal feed, de-ice products, bulk milk tankers, heating oil, gas oil, LPG	15/01/10	Transport Attaché
70	IE	Snowfalls	11-14/01/10	Distribution of road salt, de-icer products, heating	11/01/10	Road Safety Authority

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				oil, gas oil, LPG		

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