

The Saeima has adopted and the President  
has proclaimed the following Law:

## **The Law on Road User Charge**

### **Section 1. The purpose of the road user charge**

The purpose of the road user charge (hereinafter - the charge) is the facilitation of the maintenance and development of the main state roads, as well as of the use of more environmentally friendly vehicles.

*(As amended by the Law of 23.11.2016 which comes into force on 01.01.2017.)*

### **Section 2. The object of the charge**

The charge is paid for the use of the sections of the main state and regional roads defined in Annex 1 to the present law (except for crossing them, including on roundabouts) by vehicles having the gross vehicle weight exceeding 3000 kilograms and vehicles combinations having the gross vehicle weight exceeding 3500 kilograms and which are intended or are used for the carriage of goods by road (hereinafter - vehicle).

*( in the wording of the Law of 23.11.2016, which comes into force on 01.01.2017.)*

### **Section 3. Payers of the charge**

The charge is paid by the owner, holder or driver of a motor vehicle in the order determined by the Cabinet of Ministers.

### **Section 4. The rates of the charge**

(1) The charge is paid depending on the engine exhaust emission level of the vehicle and the number of axles of the vehicle or vehicle combination for the time when the use of the road is envisaged in accordance with the rates set out in the Annex 2 to the present Law. The level of the vehicle engine emissions is certified by the data of the State Register of Vehicles and Their Drivers. The engine emissions level of the foreign-registered vehicle and vehicle engine emission level for the vehicles registered in Latvia the data for which are not specified in the register, is certified by the statement issued by the vehicle manufacturer or manufacturer's representative on the correspondence of the emissions of a motor vehicle to a particular level.

(2) Payment of the daily rate of the charge gives the right to use the main state and regional roads for 24 hours from the starting time indicated by the payer.

(3) The payment of the weekly rate of the charge gives the right to use the main state and regional roads on the date specified in the payment document and for the following seven days.

(4) The payment of the monthly rate of the charge gives the right to use the main state and regional roads on the date specified in the payment document and for the following 30 days.

(5) The payment of the annual rate of the charge gives the right to use the main state and regional roads for the period of one year from the date specified in the payment document.

(6) If the engine exhaust emission level of a motor vehicle is not known or there is no statement of the emission level issued by the manufacturer or manufacturer's representative on the compliance of the vehicle engine emissions to a certain level, the charge is paid in accordance with the rates set for the "EURO 0" level.

*( As amended by the Laws of 06.11.2013, 19.06.2014 and 23.11.2016 which come into force on 01.01.2017.)*

#### **Section 5. Administration of the charge**

(1) The charge is administered by the State Joint Stock Company "Road Traffic Safety Directorate", The State Revenue Service and the State Joint Stock Company "Latvian State Roads".

(2) The administration of the charge includes all activities associated with the application of the charge.

The collection of the charge includes all activities associated with the receipt of the payment from the payer of the charge and transfer to the revenue account of the national budget at the Treasury, using the system of electronic services maintained by the State Joint Stock Company "Road Traffic Safety Directorate". The State Joint Stock Company "Latvian State Roads" and State Joint Stock Company "Road Traffic Safety Directorate" are responsible for ensuring the provision of the charge collection service throughout the territory of the state.

(3) The collection and administration of the charge shall be determined by the Cabinet of Ministers.

*( In the wording of the Law of 06.11.2013 as amended by the Law of 19.06.2014 which comes into force on 01.07.2014.)*

#### **Section 5.1 Registration, supervision and removal from the Register of the charge electronic collection system service provider**

The order for registration and supervision of the charge electronic collection system service provider, as well as the order by which the service provider is removed from the Register is determined by the Cabinet of Ministers.

*( In the wording of the Law of 16.10.2014 which comes into force on 12.11.2014.)*

#### **Section 6. Exemption from payment of the charge** The

charge is not paid:

- 1) for the vehicles of the institutions subordinated to the Ministry of Interior and the educational institutions subordinated to these institutions;
- 2) for the vehicles of the institutions subordinated to the Ministry of Defence and the National Armed Forces vehicles;
- 3) for the local police vehicles;
- 4) *(Deleted by the law of 20.12.2010);*

- 5) (Deleted by the law of 20.12.2010);
- 6) (Deleted by the law of 23.11.2016);
- 7) (Deleted by the law of 23.11.2016);
- 8) (Deleted by the law of 06.11.2016); 9) (Deleted by the law of 06.11.2016).

( As amended by the Laws of 20.12.2010, 06.11.2013. and 23.11.2016 which come into force on

01.01.2017.)

### **Section 7. Refund of the charge**

(1) The charge is refunded in the following cases:

1) if the vehicle has been deregistered for export from Latvia or for writing off. In this case part of the amount of the annual charge is refunded, and it is calculated in accordance with the following formula:

*The refunded amount = amount of annual charge x 1/12 x the number of the remaining full calendar months of the annual charge;*

2) if the vehicle has been deregistered for write-off. In this case part of the amount of the monthly charge is refunded, and it is calculated according to the following formula:

*The refunded amount = amount of monthly charge x 1/30 x the number of days remaining from the date when the deregistration for write-off entry is made in the State Register of Vehicles till the date of expiry of the term of the payment of the charge;*

3) if the daily, weekly, monthly or annual rate of the charge for the same period and for the same vehicle or vehicle combination has been paid two or more times, or a higher rate of the charge than set by this Law has been paid. Amount in excess of the rate of the charge as set by this Law for a particular vehicle is refunded.

(2) (Deleted by the Law of 29.06.2009.)

(3) If for the same vehicle or vehicle combination the annual rate of the charge and the monthly, weekly or daily rate of the charge for the covered period has been paid for a motor vehicle included in the vehicle combination, the amount corresponding to the monthly, weekly or daily rate of the charge is refunded.

(4) The decision to refund the charge is made by the State Revenue Service.

( As amended by the Laws of 29.06.2009 and 06.11.2013 which come into force on 11.12.2013.)

### **Section 8. Control of the payment of the charge**

(1) The control of the payment of the charge is carried out by the State Police. The procedure of control of the payment of the charge shall be determined by the Cabinet of Ministers.

(2) If there is no data in the State Register of Vehicles and Their Drivers regarding the engine exhaust emission level of the vehicle, the driver of the vehicle has the obligation, on demand from the State Police officer, to prove payment of the charge and correspondence of the vehicle to the engine emission level selected for the payment of the charge.

(3) *(Deleted by the Law of 06.11.2013.)*

*(As amended by the Laws of 06.11.2013 and 19.06.2014 which come into force on 01.07.2014.)*

### **Section 9. Responsibility for the violations of this law**

A person shall be held responsible for the violations of this law as stipulated in the legislation.

### **Section 10. Utilisation of the charge**

*( Deleted by Law of 06.11.2013 which comes into force on 11.12.2013.)*

#### **Informative reference to European Union Directives**

*(As amended by Law of 06.11.2013 which comes into force on 11.12.2013.)* This

Law contains legal norms arising from:

- 1) Directive 1999/62/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 1999 on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures;
- 2) Directive 2006/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures;
- 3) Directive 2011/76/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2011 amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures (The document with EEA relevance).

This Law comes into force on July 1, 2014.

*(In the wording of the Law of 06.11.2013 which comes into force on 11.12.2013.)*

The Law has been passed by the Saeima on December 11, 2008.

The President V.Zatlers

Riga, December 23, 2008

The Law on road user charges  
Annex 1

### **The sections of the main state and regional roads for the use of which the charge shall be paid**

*(Annex with the amendments made by the Laws of 20.12.2010 and 23.11.2016 which come into force on 01.01.2017.)*

No.	Main state and regional road route index	The name of the main state and regional road route	The section of the main state and regional road, for the use of which the charge shall be paid (km)	
			from	to
1.	A1	Riga (Baltezers)-Estonian border (Ainazi)	0,0	84,6
			93,4	96,8

			100,3	101,9
2.	A2	Riga-Sigulda-Estonian border (Veclaicene)	12,4	50,4
			53,6	195,6
3.	A3	Incukalns-Valmiera-Estonian border (Valka)	0,0	89,1
			92,3	116,3
4.	A4	Riga bypass (Baltezers-Saulkalne)	0,0	20,4
5.	A5	Riga bypass (Salaspils-Babite)	0,0	2,4
			2,9	40,9
			17,4	18,6
6.	A6	Riga-Daugavpils-Kraslava-Belarusian border	19,6	28,3
			30,3	34,0
			39,1	45,8
			50,9	51,0
			56,5	144,0
			149,5	172,0
			176,2	268,7
			274,1	307,0
7.	A7	Riga-Bauska-Lithuanian border (Grenctale)	7,9	65,5
			68,6	85,6
8.	A8	Riga-Jelgava-Lithuanian border (Meitene)	9,9	43,1
			48,6	76,1
9.	A9	Riga (Skulte)-Liepaja	0,0	92,3
			95,7	100,7
			101,9	129,5
			132,7	185,8
			188,2	191,7
10.	A10	Riga-Ventspils	13,4	18,8
			23,8	37,0
			41,3	185,0
11.	A11	Liepaja-Lithuanian border (Rucava)	4,9	53,4
12.	A12	Jekabpils-Rezekne-Ludza-Russian border (Terehova)	3,9	58,4
			61,2	159,2
13.	A13	Russian border (Grebnevo)-Rezekne-Daugavpils-Lithuanian border (Medumi)	9,9	47,7
			53,2	134,8
			144,8	163,4
14.	A14	Daugavpils bypass (Kalkuni-Tilti)	0,0	15,6
15.	A15	Rezekne bypass	0,0	7,1
16.	P5	Ulbroka - Ogre	0,0	19,9
17.	P80	Tinuzi - Koknese	0,0	63,6

## Rates of Road user charge

(Annex with the wording of the Law of 23.11.2016 which comes into force on 01.01.2017.)

### 1. For vehicles with a gross weight from 3001 to 3500 kg

Charge rates (euro)			
daily rate	weekly rate	monthly rate	annual rate
6	14	28	300

### 2. For vehicles and combinations thereof with a gross weight from 3501 kg to 12 000 kg

Engine exhaust emission level	Charge rates (euro)			
	daily rate	weekly rate	monthly rate	annual rate
EURO 0, I, II	9	22	44	535
EURO III	8	20	40	484
EURO IV and less polluting	8	20	40	400

### 3. For vehicles and combinations thereof with a gross weight exceeding 12 000 kg

Engine exhaust emission level	Number of axles	Charge rates (euro)			
		daily rate	weekly rate	monthly rate	annual rate
EURO 0	not more than 3 axles	12	30	61	611
EURO I	not less than 4 axles	12	51	101	1018
EURO II					
EURO III	not more than 3 axles	9	24	48	484
	not less than 4 axles	11	40	80	804
EURO IV and less polluting	not more than 3 axles	8	21	43	427
	not less than 4 axles	11	36	71	711