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Federal Council amends Heavy Vehicle Charge Ordinance

During its meeting today, the Federal Council amended the tariffs for vehicles which are subject to the mileage-related heavy vehicle charge (LSVA). The new tariffs will enter into force on 1 January 2017. In this way, the decisions to promote the shift of transalpine goods transport which the Federal Council took in principle with the 2015 report on the transfer of traffic will be implemented.

Since 1 January 2001, each vehicle used for transporting goods with a total permissible laden weight of more than 3.5 tonnes operating on Swiss roads must pay the mileage-related heavy vehicle charge. It is based on the "polluter pays" principle and is calculated based on the mileage covered, the total permissible laden weight and the vehicle's emission of environmentally unfriendly substances in accordance with the EURO standards. There are currently three categories of the mileage-related heavy vehicle charge.

Since 2009, EURO III vehicles have been assigned to the middle category and EURO IV and V vehicles have been assigned to the lowest fee category since 2005 and 2006. Now the EURO III vehicles will be classified in the highest fee category and the EURO IV and EURO V vehicles will be classified in the middle fee category.

In addition, the Federal Council has abolished the 10% discount on EURO VI vehicles which was introduced on 1 July 2012 as an incentive to purchase vehicles with lower emissions. Against this backdrop, where the EURO VI standard has been mandatory since 1 January 2014 for the first time new heavy vehicles are put into circulation, the discount only has a limited incentive effect.

Applicable tariffs from 1 January 2017:

Fee category	Emission class / Euro class	Rate in centimes per tonne-kilometre
1	EURO 0 / 1 / 2 / 3	3.10
	EURO 2 / 3 with particle filter	2.79
2	EURO 4 / 5	2.69
3	EURO 6	2.28

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With these measures, the mileage-related heavy vehicle charge for a lorry or articulated vehicle from border to border on a weighted average will amount to around CHF 298 compared to CHF 271 today. In this way, the shift of transalpine goods transport from road to railways can be further promoted. The Joint Committee on the Overland Transport Agreement between Switzerland and the EU approved this decision on 10 June 2016.

The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2017.

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