

New Clause 25: HGV road user levy

Summary

1. This clause suspends the charging and collection of the HGV Road User Levy for 12 months from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021. The clause also provides that where the levy has been paid in respect of a non-UK heavy goods vehicle in respect of the exempt period a rebate can be claimed.

Details of the clause

2. Subsection (1) provides that Section 5(2) of the HGV Road User Levy Act 2013 does not apply for any period that begins in the exempt period. This ensures the charge to the levy for UK heavy goods vehicles does not apply during the exempt period.
3. Subsection (2) provides that Section 6(2) of the HGV Road User Levy Act 2013 does not apply for any day in the exempt period. This ensures the charge to the levy for non-UK heavy goods vehicles does not apply during the exempt period.
4. Subsection (3) defines the exempt period as 12 months beginning with 1 August 2020.
5. Subsection (4) inserts new subsection (2B) into section 7 of the HGV Road User Levy Act 2013. New subsection (2B) provides that where the levy has been paid in respect of a non-UK heavy goods vehicle in respect of the exempt period a rebate can be claimed. No equivalent provision is required for UK heavy goods vehicles which will benefit from a full 12 months suspension when they renew their VED licence.

Background note

6. The HGV Road User levy is an annual charge for UK hauliers paid alongside their vehicle excise duty, and a daily, weekly or monthly charge for non-UK based hauliers.
7. The government has decided to suspend the levy for 12 months.