

EU Regulation on tachographs

Department for Transport

RPC rating: Confirmed as low-cost regulation

Description of proposal

The proposal is to update the existing domestic enforcement regime on tachographs by updating references to the new EU directly applicable enforcement regulation. The tachograph is a driver and vehicle activity recording device required to monitor compliance with EU drivers' hours regulation. The Department explains that updating references will allow the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) and the police to continue to carry out their enforcement actions on drivers and operators.

Impacts of proposal

The new EU regulation introduces two new requirements that could in principle affect the time taken for the enforcement authorities to perform a roadside check. First, the authorities will need to ensure that no more than one tachograph is installed per vehicle. Second, the authorities will need to ensure that any tachograph installed meets the correct technical specifications. The regulation will not increase the number of checks carried out and the Department does not expect additional time costs to business.

Quality of submission

The Department expects the proposed changes to be minor adjustments that will not require wholesale change in how enforcement agencies check for breaches of the rules. The Department explains that these additional checks are expected to be negligible and would form part of the existing routine for vehicle checks. The Committee confirms the Department's assessment that any costs from the proposal would be well below the £1 million threshold.

The IA would benefit from including potential familiarisation costs to business due to the proposed changes, albeit these would appear to be negligible in impact.

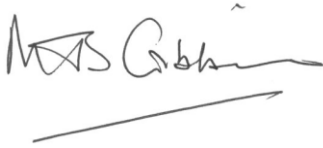
The Department explains that the proposal relates to the domestic enforcement regime for a directly applicable EU regulation rather than the directly applicable regulation itself. The Department therefore explains that the proposal does not go beyond EU minima. The proposal is in line with the Better Regulation Framework Manual (paragraph 2.4.27).

Initial departmental assessment

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