

General information on the HGV toll in Germany

According to § 1 of the German Federal Trunk Road Toll Act (Bundesfernstraßenmautgesetz), the tolling obligation generally applies to motor vehicles or vehicle combinations that

- are intended for goods transport (1st alternative) or
- are used for goods transport (2nd alternative)

and that have a technically permissible maximum laden mass of at least 7.5 t.

Vehicle combinations are only subject to tolling if the motor vehicle has a technically permissible maximum laden mass of over 3.5 t. The technically permissible maximum laden mass of a vehicle combination is calculated based on the total of technically permissible maximum laden masses for the individual vehicles (motor vehicle and trailer) for the purpose of the HGV (Heavy Goods Vehicles) toll.

Meeting one of the two alternatives is sufficient for a vehicle to be subject to the toll.

Tolling obligation according to the 1st alternative:

This is determined based on the general intended purpose of the vehicle for goods transport, based on typical vehicle and body types, such as for articulated trucks or commercial trucks, and exists independent of

- whether or not the trip is a private trip,
- whether goods are actually transported,
- whether goods are transported commercially or for the user's own purposes (intercompany traffic),
or
- the motor vehicle in question is freed from the traffic tax.

Tolling obligation according to the 2nd alternative:

Accordingly, motor vehicles or vehicle combinations with a technically permissible maximum laden mass of at least 7.5 t are also subject to the tolling obligation even if they do not have a vehicle or body type typical for goods transport, or even if they are not intended for goods transport (such as self-driving work equipment), as long as they do still actually transport goods according to the German Road Haulage Act (Güterkraftverkehrsgesetz). What is relevant is whether the respective trip is taken for the purpose of charged or commercial goods transport in the sense of § 1 German Road Haulage Act (commercial goods transport or intercompany traffic).

Exceptions from the toll obligation:

- vehicles that do not fall under the respective definition criteria
- the exceptions indicated in § 1 paragraph 2 BFStrMG, such as buses

Route network subject to tolling

The route network subject to tolling is shown on (www.mauttabelle.de).

Websites with information on the HGV toll in Germany:

<https://www.bmdv.bund.de>

<https://www.balm.bund.de>

<https://www.toll-collect.de>