



London Safer Lorry Scheme

In a commitment to making London's roads safer for all, Transport for London has announced the introduction of the Safer Lorry Scheme which will affect all goods vehicles exceeding 3.5t GVW operating in London from 1st September 2015.

The scheme will require all vehicles over 3.5t operating on roads in London (defined by the current Low Emission Zone) to:

- Be fitted with Class V (kerb view) and Class VI (front view) mirrors which will give the driver a better view around the vehicle
- Be fitted with side guards to prevent further injury in the event of a collision

V Class V
(Side close proximity mirror)

VI Class VI
(Front projection mirror)

All new registration HGV's over 3.5t operating in London are required to have Class V and VI mirrors fitted. All HGV's over 3.5t currently operating in this area, irrespective of registration date, will require these mirrors to be retrofitted.

Exemptions

Although some specific exemptions will continue (see link below) many vehicles currently exempt from these items under UK and European legislation will now need them.

These include:

- Sideguards for tippers, skip loaders, concrete mixers and refuse collection vehicles
- Class V and class VI mirrors will be required on some older and smaller vehicles than currently mandated by existing legislation

Enforcement

The scheme will be enforced by the Metropolitan Police Service, City of London Police and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency:

- Drivers found to be in charge of a non-compliant vehicle may be issued with a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice
- The offence also carries a potential fine of £1000 at Magistrate's court
- The Traffic Commissioner, who has the power to modify or suspend operator licenses, will also be notified of companies operating vehicles in breach of the scheme

Further Information

The Safer Lorry Scheme operates across London 24 hours a day, 7 days a week covering the same area as the Low Emission Zone. Further details are available on the TfL website: www.tfl.gov.uk/info-for/freight/safer-lorry-scheme

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