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Information Note – ECMT Permit allocation

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Today DVSA/DfT have announced the allocation of the 2019 ECMT permits from the bid round that closed in mid-January.

Applicants have been advised if they have been successful or unsuccessful in obtaining 2019 annual ECMT permits, and if successful, how many permits they will be entitled to receive.

The applications were massively oversubscribed. As a result the overwhelming majority of requests for permits will have been declined in this bid round. This will be very disappointing for international hauliers, however, as other options are being developed there is no need for dramatic action by those who have been unsuccessful so far

At the same time as announcing this allocation, the DfT has confirmed that additional permits will be available (this is as a result of successful negotiations in the ECMT road committee). We believe this will add about 70% to the pool of permits available.

All applicants who have been unsuccessful in this bid round will be automatically entered into the next round for annual and monthly ECMT permits.

Negotiations in the European Council and Parliament are ongoing regarding the European Commission proposal for a 2019 contingency arrangement for international road haulage. Under the original proposal, haulage between the UK and EU States would not require ECMT permits at all.

Given this, the RHA is calling for the application process for permits to be reopened for a short period to allow operators with Euro V vehicles (at least) to apply for permits.

The RHA advice to members is to watch developments carefully. There is no certainty that the Commission proposal will succeed and the other alternatives being explored by the Government are also uncertain. If the process does reopen for application we would encourage operators to apply.



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As things stand at the moment, it is likely that ECMT permits will be essential for transit across the EU to and from non-EU countries – that may well be the primary use for ECMT permits in the short-term.

ECMT permits alone will not meet the demand for international road haulage. As has been said by the RHA on many occasions, we believe a transition period is essential for the maintenance of UK supply chains across all sectors.

The RHA will keep members informed on developments through our website, RoadwayLive and regular updates.

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