

Road transport: ecopoints for heavy vehicles transiting through Austria for 2004

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PURPOSE : to establish an ecopoint system for HGVs travelling through Austria during 2004.

CONTENT : This legislation is required whilst waiting for the adoption of the framework proposal on charging for the use of infrastructure (COM2001370). From 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2004, the total NOx emissions from lorries crossing Austria in transit will be set according to figures annexed to the draft regulation. The value of the total NOx emissions from lorries will be set according to an ecopoint system. Under that system, any lorry crossing Austria in transit will need a number of ecopoints equivalent to its NOx emissions. The method of calculation and administration of such points is described in Annex 2. Austria must issue the ecopoints cards for lorries crossing Austria in transit. Hauliers with a Community authorisation issued by the competent authorities in Austria shall not be entitled to carry goods on international journeys where neither loading nor unloading takes place in Austria.