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EAF's Great Save!!!

On the 28th of March this year, the UK Government brought in the:

"Trailer Registration scheme", to finally fall into line with the 1968 Vienna Convention that requires any trailer travelling into Europe must have a Registration certificate and an ID Plate.

Apart from the obvious benefit of accountability, it aides those companies that subcontract their trailers to foreign operators, avoiding fines for lack of identity.

However, for **UK Abnormal load operators** operating in Europe, it was going to be a **major problem** because the new certificate has far less information than the **Certificate of Keeper** that was due to be phased out at the same time.



"When we learned of the decision by the DVSA of the imminent withdrawal of the Certificate of Keeper. We were extremely concerned.

This document, which has been going for as long as I have been involved with Convoi Exceptionnel transport, is the "Life blood" for Road permits for Abnormal loads in all 27 Member states.

It was very welcome news that the UK had finally caught up with the rest of Europe and implemented a Registration scheme for Trailers. And it's long overdue, as we were the only country without registration.

However, for **UK Based Haulier's Abnormal load permits** in any **European Country**, the "**Certificate of Keeper**" is the document of choice, to provide all the weights, dimensions and characteristics of a trailer. And it's all on one page.

As you may know, back in the day, the **Certificate of keeper** was primarily available for supplying info when exporting a trailer.

However. Way back in the late 80's, I spotted its extra potential and was key in

promoting the CERT as an acceptable document to the various European Transport Ministries, as far back as 1989, when I first presented one to the Normandy Transport Ministry in St Lo France.

30 Years later and this "Little gem" is now accepted Europe wide.

And there is no other single page document available anywhere that provides the same crucial data for UK Hauliers for Convoi Exceptionnel, Bred Last, Special & Schwertransport permits.

Armed with my concerns, in February I lobbied the DVSA and the DFT direct,

asking them to consider retaining the Document.

I highlighted that without it. The costs to Hauliers for processing vehicle data for

Convoi Exceptionnel permits could triple or even quadruple! "

So I was chuffed as nuts when we received a letter from the **EU Exit Team**,

acknowledging EAF's concerns and to say that as a result of EAF's direct intervention. **The Certificate is saved** and we can continue to apply for your Certificates of Keeper for your Trailers.

This little master stroke will save every single Abnormal Haulier in the UK a whole a

bundle of money. As well as avoid prolonged delays with permit applications.

Have a Nice Day

But we did it for you, our Loyal clients!!

Warm regards,

"Your" EAF TEAM

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