



GERMANY INCREASES FEES FOR TRANSPORT PERMISSIONS FROM JANUARY

Dear customers,

from **January 1, 2021**, changes in road traffic regulations will make official permits for heavy and oversized transports in Germany significantly more expensive in many cases. Unfortunately, we don't have any influence on the amount of the fees. The method of calculation has been standardized nationwide by legislature, the amount of a fee will be determined by the respective official authorities dealing with a transport.

From the turn of the year, a basic fee of 40 Euro will be due whenever authorities decide on the admissibility of a heavy or oversized transport. There will, however, be additional costs depending on numerous variables. These variables include, for example, the size of the transport and the respective approval and permit period. The number of vehicles, the combination of vehicles and the number of authorities involved play - among other things - an important role in calculating the amount of the total fee as well.

According to the German industry association „Bundesfachgruppe Schwertransporte und Kranarbeiten“, the costs of permits for heavy and oversized transports will increase by 200 to 300 percent in average from January 1. However, the maximum fee for a transport is said to be 1300 Euro.

Not only will the permits become more expensive, it will also not be possible to reliably calculate the increased costs in advance. If, for example, a route has to be changed on short notice due to a construction site, this might lead to a sudden and significant leap in costs.

We kindly ask you to acknowledge that we will have to take the increase in fees into account for transports that will take place after the turn of the year. At the same time, we would once again like to stress that with the new system it is not possible to determine the amount of fees in all certainty in advance. For the time being, we will therefore refer to the current model of calculating fees when preparing our offers. However, the final billing for a transport will then be based on the actual expenditure. Please contact us, if you have any questions. We will be happy to assist.

Best regards,

Your Europatrans team

