

Vehicle documents for foreign vehicles



The Authorising Exceptional Transport department (in Dutch, TET) of the RDW (Dutch vehicle inspection & licensing agency) is continually improving its service provision. In dealing with permit applications, much time is invested in assessing vehicles. At the end of 2010, we informed you about the comprehensive check that is carried out to determine whether your vehicles are suitable for the dimensions (length and width) applied for. To allow foreign vehicles to be assessed properly, we are imposing additional requirements on the vehicle documents to be supplied. In the future, RDW intends to register foreign vehicles, so that you no longer will have to supply vehicle documents with every application. You will be informed about this in due course.

Vehicle checks

The vehicles in your exceptional load permit are checked on a number of points:

	Description	Towing vehicle	Towed vehicle
Length			
A	Positive steering		X
B	Minimum wheelbase		X
C	Maximum wheelbase		X
Weight			
D	Total number of axles	X	X
E	Type of axles (normal, swing)		X
F	Number of driven axles	X	
G	Composite vehicle		X
H	Maximum permitted GTW (train weight)	X	
I	Maximum permissible axle loads per axle	X	X
J	Maximum permissible coupling pressure		X
K	Empty weight	X	X

Required vehicle documents

If you apply for permits for a loaded length > 22.00 m (unloaded length > 16.50 m) and/ or a weight > 50,000 kg for foreign vehicles, you are obliged to enclose vehicle documents, based on which the suitability of the vehicles can be determined. RDW-TET will accept documents including the following:

All countries	- Registration document (this must always be enclosed in any case)
Germany	- Section 70
Belgium	- Official approval document (procès verbal)
Great Britain	- Plate VTG 5A (document with technical details of heavy trailers/ semi-trailers) - VOSA plate VTG 6T (document with technical details of heavy commercial vehicles) - Certificate of keeper of trailer (in combination with VTG 5A and VTG 6T – approved by Great Britain Department of Transport)
Denmark	- Bløkvognesattest applus

If the documents listed are insufficient to demonstrate the suitability of the vehicles on all required points (A to K), you should enclose supplementary documents for this. Possibilities here are a **manufacturer's declaration** or an **official document** that is issued/ authenticated by a government body. The RDW will then assess whether these documents are accepted.

In every case, it must be shown clearly on all documents to what vehicles (registration number and/ or chassis number) the information applies. Based on the registration document, the link can always be made between the registration number and the chassis number.

Quality of the vehicle documents

Customers who frequently apply for permits often use the same vehicle documents. Or the vehicle documents are faxed by the transporter to an agency which then faxes them on to us. This does the legibility no good, so that we may not be able to assess the vehicles properly. ***Illegible documents will no longer be accepted.***

Besides this, we also sometimes observe that customers enclose many possible documents, without knowing exactly whether said documents are relevant. We are therefore imposing the requirement that it be clearly indicated on the documents provided where the information required (A to K) may be found for each registration number. Of course, you may also add a separate appendix, in which you refer to the information in the documents.

Checklist

- ✓ Are the correct documents present for each registration number?
- ✓ Are all documents clearly legible?
- ✓ Can all the necessary information (A to K) be found in the vehicle documents for each registration number?
- ✓ Is the necessary information (A to K) clearly indicated for each registration number in the documents (or in a separate appendix)?