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Towing ANY trailer over 750kgs abroad, you will need to register it!

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You must now register all trailers over 750kg (including caravans), to drive to or through most countries in Europe, apart from Ireland, Cyprus, Malta and Spain.

This means that these trailers making international journeys will need to:

- display their own registration plate (separate from the vehicle towing them);
- have a trailer registration certificate that can be shown to a foreign authority on request.

Register your trailer

You must register your trailer to travel in these countries:

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and Ukraine.

- register any trailer to take it abroad.
- create an account to register your trailer or trailers.
- manage your registered trailer details - for example if you sell or scrap a trailer or change your name or address.

If you have an abnormal load trailer, you must also get a keeper's certificate and keep it in your vehicle to show at border crossings.

To register online, you will need:

- the name of the trailer manufacturer.
- the trailer type - for example, box trailer, container trailer, horsebox or caravan.
- the trailer's vehicle identification number (VIN) (usually 17 characters) or chassis number - this is usually on a metal plate fitted to the trailer or stamped into the chassis.
- the gross and unladen weight of the trailer.
- an email address.
- a debit or credit card.

You also need a Government Gateway user ID and password. If you do not have one, you can create one when you use this service.

Fees

- £26 to register a trailer for the first time.
- £21 to issue a new registration certificate for a new registered keeper.
- £10 to replace a lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed UK trailer registration certificate.

You need a keeper's certificate for an abnormal load trailer to take it abroad. Carry the keeper's certificate in your vehicle when you go abroad.

Some countries measure abnormal loads differently from the UK. Check with each country you're travelling through to find out if the load you're transporting counts as abnormal there.

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