

IRU – THE WORLD ROAD TRANSPORT ORGANISATION

STATEMENT ON THE TOLL EXEMPTION FOR CLEAN TRUCKS IN GERMANY

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IRU supports extension of toll exemption for clean trucks in Germany

Ahead of the German Parliament vote on extending the road user charges exemption until 2023 for clean trucks powered by CNG or LNG and electricity, IRU, the world road transport association, calls on the Bundestag to approve this measure. Out of the new registrations having benefitted from this measure so far, LNG was the most requested technology choice by transport operators (1.421 trucks purchased by German operators) followed by CNG (430). This helped reduce CO2 emissions by 24,000 t (based on 100,000 km mileage p.a./truck)*. The road transport industry is committed to decarbonisation but needs support from national governments to help achieve the ambitious EU emissions reduction targets. IRU Advocacy Director, Matthias Maedge, commented: "Road transport companies are suffering financially due to Covid-19. To survive lasting economic impacts while ensuring a green recovery, operators need incentives. New technologies are expensive and the extension of the toll exemption will encourage transport companies to invest in cleaner trucks instead of buying more diesel vehicles. LNG in particular has proven itself and remains a key technology step on the pathway to the hydrogen age."

*<http://ngvemissionsstudy.eu/>

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