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Department of Transport,
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING HGV ROAD USER LEVY TO BE
INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM 1 APRIL 2014**

The following notice has been issued by the United Kingdom transport authorities. If you operate a heavy goods vehicle weighing 12 tonnes or more within the United Kingdom, whether you operate for hire or reward or on an own account basis, the new road user levy will apply. Please take note of the information below.

HGV Road User Levy starts 1 April 2014 - Make sure you're ready for it

Do you drive a heavy goods vehicle (HGV) weighing **12 tonnes** or more? If so, from **1 April 2014**, you'll need to pay a levy to use UK roads – **before you enter the country**.

How much is the levy?

The charge for every HGV is between £1.70 and £10 a day (£85 and £1,000 per year) depending on the type of vehicle, number of axles, and weight. You can pay by the day – or save money by paying in advance by the week, month or year. Whatever payment period you choose, the levy runs from midnight (00:00:00) to one second before midnight (23:59:59).

How do I pay?

It's really easy to **pay online using a debit or credit card**. You can also pay online with some fuel cards. There will be a small number of HGV Levy payment points in some ferry terminals and a few fuel stations, where you can 'Pay and Go' using cash or card. To make payment as quick and easy as possible, it will be possible to set up an account for the levy from **17 March 2014** – so make a note of this in your diary now.

Who needs to pay the levy?

The levy can be paid by you, your company, or a booking agent. However, it's up to you to check that your vehicle has a valid levy every time you come to the UK. You can do this quickly and easily online.

What happens if I don't pay?

If you haven't paid the full levy for your vehicle, automatic number plate recognition cameras, ferry records and other checks will alert our enforcement agencies when you arrive in the UK. **You'll have to pay an on-the-spot fine of £300 at the roadside**. If you can't pay the fine, your vehicle will be impounded, which could seriously disrupt your delivery schedule and lead to further costs.

What do I need to do now?

We're telling you about the levy now, so you have plenty of time to get ready.

To sign up for updates go to www.hgvlevy-info.org.uk