

HEAVY VEHICLE CONSIGNMENT GUIDANCE

For Farmers that receive or send goods when a heavy vehicle carrier is engaged by the receiver or sender rather than the farmer.

For these heavy vehicle consignments a farmer must ensure that:

- You do not cause a driver to drive whilst fatigued or breach their work and rest hours and
- Your requests and contractual arrangements will not cause or encourage the driver to drive whilst fatigued or breach their work and rest hours.

In this instance farmers are not required to carry out daily heavy vehicle roadworthiness checks, mass management and maintenance management but can fulfil their obligations under CoR by asking related questions as follows.

Note – these answers should ideally be yes, if No, you need to ask more questions or seek additional advice.

FOR THE CARRIER		
Is the carrier properly accredited?	Y	N
Does the carrier have and use the correct equipment?	Y	N
Has the carrier considered the time it will take to deliver the product, goods or items?	Y	N
Has the carrier got the required permits to undertake the freight task?	Y	N
Has the carrier got the correct heavy vehicle for the freight task?	Y	N
FOR THE FARMER		
Have you agreed with the carrier pick up or delivery times?	Y	N
Have you provided instructions to safely access your property?	Y	N
Will you follow the instructions of the driver for loading or unloading of the heavy vehicle?	Y	N
Will you provide specific load restraints you require for the load?	Y	N
Will you allow only suitably experienced, competent and responsible farm personnel to load and unload or provided assistance in loading and unloading a carrier's heavy vehicle?	Y	N
Has there been communication between the carrier and your farm business on the mass of the load?	Y	N