

Re: Temporary derogation from driving and resting time rules for the drivers of vehicles undertaking the transport of goods between the UK and IRELAND and within Ireland

14th Dec 2024

The Road Safety Authority (RSA) and the Department of Transport (DoT) have agreed to allow a temporary and urgent derogation in respect of certain provisions of the driving and resting time rules. The derogation will apply to the drivers of vehicles undertaking the transport of **GOODS between the UK and IRELAND and within Ireland.**

The move is being made because of the emergency faced by Irish hauliers due to damage caused to the port in Holyhead during Storm Darragh, which is disrupting supply chains in the lead into Christmas.

Coming into effect: The derogation will apply for a period of 14 days and will run from 14th Dec 2024 to 27th Dec 2024. For this period, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- **Derogation to Article 6(1) of Regulation 561/2006 and Article 4(1) of Section 2 of Part B of Annex 31 to the TCA:** the daily driving limit is increased from 9 hours to 11 hours two (2) times per week.
- **Derogation to Article 6(2) of Regulation 561/2006 and Article 4(2) of Section 2 of Part B of Annex 31 to the TCA:** the maximum weekly driving limit is increased from 56 hours to 60 hours.
- **Derogation to Article 6(3) of Regulation 561/2006 and Article 4(3) of Section 2 of Part B of Annex 31 to the TCA:** the fortnightly driving limit is increased from 90 hours to 102 hours.
- **Derogation to Article 8(6) of Regulation 561/2006 and Article 6(6) of Section 2 of Part B of Annex 31 to the TCA:** the rules relating to weekly rest are



