

Display of weight classes on the OBU display from June 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI), Toll Collect has made further developments to the truck toll system and has prepared technically for the expansion of the toll requirement on all federal trunk roads as of 1 July 2018. All vehicles and vehicle combinations with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 7.5 tonnes or above are subject to toll.

As part of the further development, it has been made technically possible to differentiate the toll according to additional weight classes.

As of 1 June 2018, the new weight classes will be visible on the On-Board Units. In contrast to the previous weight classes which differentiated between toll-free vehicles - less than 7.5 tonnes GVW - and vehicles subject to toll – equal to/greater than 7.5 tonnes GVW – the following weight classes will be displayed on the OBUs from June 2018:

- < 7.5 tonnes
- ≥ 7.5 tonnes – 11.99 tonnes
- ≥ 12 tonnes – 18 tonnes
- > 18 tonnes



The gross vehicle weight specified by the keeper at the time the vehicle was registered is usually saved permanently in the On-Board Unit. If the gross vehicle weight changes due to a trailer being attached/detached, the gross vehicle weight must be adjusted on the OBU before starting a journey. This applies to all trucks with a gross vehicle weight up to and including 18 tonnes. The weight class does not need to be adjusted if the weight is above 18 tonnes. The weight is set on the OBU - similar to adjusting the number of axles – by pressing the arrow keys on the OBU and pressing “OK” when the weight is reached.

The online guide for OBUs at www.toll-collect.de/guide shows how to set the weight classes on the On-Board Unit.

If a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight under 7.5 tonnes is being driven, the driver must select the “< 7.5 t” setting. If the vehicle has a trailer and is 7.5 tonnes GVW or over, then the driver selects “≥ 7.5 t” and is subject to toll. In addition, the current number of axles still needs to be entered if it deviates from the number of axles personalised on the OBU. The valid rates can be found at www.toll-collect.de and apply on motorways as well as federal trunk roads.

The incorrect selection and setting of one of the weight class between 7.5 tonnes and > 18 tonnes will not be prosecuted. The driver's obligations to cooperate remain the same.

The German Federal Trunk Road Toll Act (BFStrMG) will be adapted as quickly as possible based on the new report on infrastructure costs. This will result in new toll rates and obligations to cooperate. According to the new report on infrastructure costs, the introduction of new weight classes is possible and intended by the legislative authority.

You can find additional information at

<https://www.toll-collect.de/toll2018>