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Subject: **Temporary exception for driving and rest periods pursuant to Art. 14(2) of Regulation 561/2006**

In response to the extraordinary situation due to the severe weather, extraordinary hailstorm and heavy floods that hit Slovenia last week, Republic of Slovenia has agreed to a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles involved directly or indirectly in emergency relief linked to the recent flooding. The temporary exception will apply for drivers transporting forest wood assortments and drivers involved in the removal of material from flooded areas and rehabilitation of flooded buildings and for delivery or supplying stores with essential necessities for residents in flooded areas

This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 and the purpose of this document is to notify the Commission accordingly.

This temporary relaxation applies from 12. 8. 2023 and will run until 10. 9. 2023.

Republic of Slovenia has made it clear that driver and road safety must not be compromised. Drivers should not be expected to drive whilst tired - employers remain responsible for the health and safety of their employees and other road users.

For the above-mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- Derogation to Article 6(1) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;
- Derogation to Article 6(2) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours;
- Derogation to Article 6(3) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 120 hours;
- Derogation to Article 8(1) of Regulation 561/2006: Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;

- Derogation to Article 8(4) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum of three reduced daily rest periods between any two weekly rest periods with five reduced daily rest periods between any two weekly rest periods
- Derogation to Article 8(6) of Regulation 561/2006: postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period;

The temporary relaxation of the rules described above reflects the exceptional weather circumstances.

With Regards,

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