

## Some trailers taken into EU countries have to be registered independently of the towing vehicle



Certain trailers taken into the EU have to be registered independently of the towing vehicle and it's usually compulsory to display the registration number. The UK has not required the registration of trailers whether a large commercial unit or a smaller private use trailer, which only needed to show the registration of the towing vehicle.

The Trailer Registration Regulations 2018 allow trailer keepers to register them to the standards of the UN 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic. And from 28 March 2019 it has been prohibited to use certain unregistered trailers on international journeys to, or through, a foreign country that had ratified the Convention. This applies to commercial trailers with a gross weight over 750kg and all trailers with a gross weight over 3,500kg including all non-commercial trailers. The registration must be displayed on the rear of the trailer as well as the registration of the towing vehicle.

The system is operated by the DVLA with a fee to register of £26.00 after which a digital confirmation of the registration will be received to enable plates to be made and fitted to the trailer. The plates comprise eight characters - one letter plus seven numbers with solid black letters on a white background. Further details are at:-

<https://www.gov.uk/register-trailer-to-take-abroad>



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