



FAQ for Couriers/Haulage Companies

What are the requirements for the transport of solid fuels under the new Regulations?

Under the new regulations the owner or operator of any vehicle being used to transport solid fuel for the purposes of combustion for heating (space or water) in a domestic or licenced premises must carry certain records on that vehicle and present them to an authorised person if requested. These records are:

- a) A record of the quantity of each type of solid fuel on the vehicle and the name and address of the person or body who supplied the fuel;
- b) A record of the origin and destination or destinations of the solid fuel and the name and address of the person or persons purchasing the fuel, and
- c) A record demonstrating that the solid fuel is an approved solid fuel, such as an invoice, credit note, dispatch or delivery documents detailing the products purchased from a producer entered on the fuels register which shall include the registration number issued to producer under section of the Act of 1987 in respect of solid fuel being transported.

As turf cannot be an approved fuel, point (c) will not apply but the authorised person may request additional information to be satisfied that the turf is not being transported for retail purposes and was not purchased through the channels prohibited in the regulations.

Who is an authorised person?

An authorised person is a person appointed by a local authority or the Minister for the purposes of enforcement of these Regulations and the Act of 1987.

An authorised person may, in respect of any vehicle or any premises which, in his or her opinion, is being used in connection with the retailing or distribution of solid fuel —

- inspect and take samples of any solid fuel on a vehicle,
- inspect such records or such documents as the authorised person, having regard to all the circumstances, considers necessary for the purposes of these Regulations, or
- require from the owner of a vehicle, such information considers necessary for the purposes of the Regulations.

What are the penalties for non-compliance with the Regulations?

Non-compliance with the Regulations may lead to prosecution being taken by the local authority which can lead to fines of up to €50,000.

I am simply transporting solid fuels for other parties. Do these Regulations apply to me?

Yes. The Regulations apply to all owners and operators of vehicles used to transport solid fuels, regardless of whether or not the vehicle owners/operators are directly involved in the solid fuels trade.

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