

What is exempt from road haulage operator licensing?

You do not need an operator's licence to carry the following within Ireland:

1. cattle, sheep, pigs, livestock or turf;
2. milk or milk containers to or from a creamery or cream separating station;
3. newly harvested wheat, oats and barley from 1 August to 30 November each year from a farm to a place of storage, assembly or processing.
4. You do not need an operator's licence either if your vehicle (or combination of the vehicles to be used) has a maximum authorised weight of less than 3.5 metric tonnes. The maximum authorised weight includes the weight of the vehicle, fully laden, and any trailer or semi-trailer.



Note: This leaflet is intended as a general guide and is not an interpretation of the law.

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IS YOUR HAULIER LICENSED?

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Are you at risk of a court appearance and possibly a fine of up to €1,265 for hiring unlicensed hauliers?

This leaflet contains important information that could save you inconvenience and money.



Did you know?

Business owners who hire unlicensed hauliers can be prosecuted and fined under the Road Transport Acts. **Some business owners have already been prosecuted.**

With a maximum fine of €1,265 for each offence, it makes sense to check out a haulier before you hire him or her.

Hiring the services of an unlicensed haulier means using a haulier who has not shown they comply with the Department of Transport requirements of:

- good repute,
- professional competence, and
- sound financial standing.



What should you do?

If you intend to hire a haulier, you should:

- a) confirm that the haulier holds a valid road haulage operator's licence;
- b) check that the vehicle to be used is authorised on the licence;
- c) ensure that the vehicle the haulier is using has a current transport disc displayed on the windscreen and
- d) keep a photocopy of the operator's licence issued to the haulier as evidence that the haulier is complying with the law.



The blue licence covers international and national carriage. The yellow covers national carriage only.

If you want to verify the status of a particular haulier, contact the Road Safety Authority at **(091) 872 600** or email **enforcement@rsa.ie**

A simple phone call could save you a lot of headaches, a court appearance and a fine.



Enforcement

The Road Safety Authority, as well as An Garda Síochána, enforces the Road Transport Acts. We will take action against illegal hauliers and business owners who hire unlicensed hauliers.

Don't risk a court appearance or fine for hiring an unlicensed haulier.