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Four months to go before tougher Low Emission Zone standards introduced in London to improve air quality

- **Register from today to show you meet the standards (www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon)**
- **Emissions standards to change from 3 January 2012**
- **European registered vehicles that travel to London are affected**
- **HGVs, buses and coaches must meet Euro IV emissions standard for particulate matter (PM) to travel in London without paying a daily charge**
- **Larger vans and minibuses, over 10 years old in 2012, will be affected by the LEZ and must meet a Euro 3 standard for PM to travel in London without paying a daily charge**

Transport for London (TfL) is calling on the owners and operators of vehicles registered outside Great Britain, including Northern Ireland, to take action now to avoid fines when new emissions standards come in to effect in January 2012.

All affected vehicles need to be registered with TfL before they drive in Greater London to show that they meet the new standards.

HGVs, buses and coaches

Owners and operators of HGVs, buses and coaches that are Euro III for particulate matter (PM) compliant and are already registered with TfL will need to take appropriate action to ensure their vehicles meet the new Euro IV standards and then re-register the vehicle before 3 January 2012. Operators or owners who have vehicles already registered as meeting Euro IV for PM or above will not need to re-register.

Owners of these vehicles that do not meet the required emissions standards or who have not registered with TfL by 3 January 2012 and who drive within Greater London will have to pay a £200 daily charge or risk a £1,000 penalty.

Larger vans, minibuses and specialist vehicles

Owners and operators of larger vans, minibuses or specialist vehicles, such as motorised horseboxes and caravans or 4 x 4 light utility vehicles, will need to register with TfL to show they meet Euro 3 emissions standards for particulate matter (PM). Any vehicles that don't meet these new LEZ standards now will need to take appropriate action and then register the vehicle with TfL before 3 January 2012. Owners of these vehicles that do not meet the required emissions standards or have not registered with TfL by 3 January 2012, and who drive within Greater London, will have to pay a £100 daily charge or risk a £500 penalty.

Operators are urged to take action and register their vehicle with TfL now to prove their vehicles meet the emissions standards. TfL wants operators to meet the LEZ standards and register, rather than pay the daily charge or risk a fine.

Air pollution is a serious health issue in London contributing to an estimated 4,300 premature deaths in a year with many more people, especially children and the elderly, having their quality of life adversely impacted by it. London also has to meet legally mandated European air quality standards.

The LEZ was introduced in 2008, it covers most of Greater London and operates 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The LEZ has been successful in delivering significant reductions in harmful vehicle emissions but the scheme now needs to go further to

ensure London meets legally required air quality standards. TfL estimates that the changes to the LEZ will broadly double the impact of earlier phases in reducing harmful particulate matter pollution in the Capital.

With less than four months to go until the changes take effect, TfL is urging affected vehicle operators to take action now to ensure their vehicles meet the new standards in time. Owners and operators of affected vehicles have a number of options available to them to ensure they comply with the scheme including:

- Fitting a filter to the vehicle to improve the emissions: TfL recognises accredited filter modifications from across Europe
- Purchasing a newer vehicle
- Reorganising a fleet so that only vehicles which meet the required emissions standards drive within the LEZ
- Paying a daily charge

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Notes to Editors

1. The Low Emission Zone covers most of Greater London and all roads within Greater London, including parts of the M1 and M4 motorways. However, the M25 is not included (even where it passes within the Greater London boundary).
2. Cars, motorcycles and vans weighing under 1.205 tonnes unladen are **not** affected by the LEZ. Owners can check their vehicle documentation to confirm their vehicle details
3. Owners and operators can obtain further information from the dedicated website (www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon) or by calling +44 207 310 8998.
4. From 3 January 2012, HGVs over 3.5 tonnes and buses and coaches over 5 tonnes with more than 8 passenger seats will be required to meet a Euro IV for PM standard to drive within the LEZ without charge.
5. From 3 January 2012, larger vans, minibuses and other specialist vehicles will be required to meet Euro 3 emissions standards for PM to drive within the LEZ without charge. This will affect:
 - Minibuses – with more than 8 passenger seats, plus the drivers seat below 5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)
 - Larger vans and specialist vehicles such as horseboxes – between 1.205 tonnes unladen and 3.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Weight
 - Motorised caravans between 2.5 tonnes and 3.5 tonnes GVW
6. The LEZ is a key measure in helping London achieve compliance with European air quality directives for particulate matter and oxides of nitrogen. Road transport is the key source of these types of air pollution in London.

7. Registration forms are available to download from www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon or can be obtained by calling +44 207 310 8998.
8. Registration forms and the required supporting documentation can be submitted to TfL by post or email. Once the registration form has been received by TfL, the operator will receive written confirmation (letter or email) of whether the registration has been successful or not. Vehicles driving within the zone prior to receipt of written confirmation of their successful registration must pay the daily charge or risk a penalty charge notice.
9. Operators can fit filters onto their vehicles to reduce the amount of PM pollution they emit. TfL recognises filters fitted in countries across Europe. Operators should include information and evidence regarding any vehicle modification in with their registration to TfL.
10. Recovery of unpaid penalties issued to non GB registered vehicles is undertaken by a dedicated European debt recovery agency.

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