

## **Significant cost increases in permit procedures for large volume and heavy transport as of 2021**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We wish to inform you about changes in permit procedures which will have a future impact on your large volume and heavy transports.

On **01.01.2021** an increase in fees for transport permits became effective, which can amount to almost three times the present fees for an average heavy transport.

The Federal Ministry of Transport has resolved that with the 54th amendment of the road transport regulations, on 01.01.2021 the scale of fees for road traffic measures will be changed in order to specify a nationally uniform scale of fees with uniform calculation base for the federal states for large volume and heavy transport permits.

With the introduction of this uniform tool, the federal states intend to ensure competitive equality and also take into account the costs to approval authorities.

On the basis of a basic fee and other factors such as the number of routes which are applied for, the number of authorities involved, and the size of the transport, etc., since 01.01.2021 permits have become fundamentally more expensive. Up to an amount of € 250.00 the permit costs are included in our offer. If the costs exceed this amount, they will be charged plus a handling fee of 10 %. In case of cancellation, from this point on, regardless of the vehicle cancellation costs, the incurred permit costs will have to be charged to you. In the event of cancellation, as of this time we shall have to pass on the permit costs to you regardless of the vehicle cancellation costs.

We operate exclusively in accordance with the Allgemeinen Deutschen Spediteurbedingungen 2017 – ADSp 2017 – (German Freight Forwarders` General Terms and Conditions 2017). Note: In clause 23 the ADSp 2017 deviates from the statutory liability limitations in section 431 German Commercial Code (HGB) by limiting the liability for multimodal transportation with the involvement of sea carriage and an unknown damage location to 2 SDR/kg and, for the rest, the customary liability limitation of 8,33 SDR/kg additionally to EUR 1,25 million per damage claim and EUR 2,5 Mio. per damage event, but not less than 2 SDR/kg. The complete ADSp can be provided in printed form, if required. In addition, we work on the basis of the General Terms of Business of the German professional group for heavy goods transport and crane work (AGB-BSK Kran und Transport 2019).

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