

Resolution No. (74) of 2021
of the Department's Chairman
Regulation of
Transport of Goods in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

20/04/2021

The Chairman of the Department of Municipalities and Transport (DMT):

- Having reviewed Law No. (1) of 1974, for the Reorganization of the Government Apparatus of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and the amendments thereof;
- Law No. (19) of 2006, concerning the Regulation of Taxi Transport in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and the amendments thereof;
- Law No. (30) of 2019, concerning the Creation of the Department of Municipalities and Transport (DMT);
- The Federal Law No. (8) of 1986, concerning Determining the Axle Load of the Vehicles Using the Paved Roads of the UAE; and
- Based on what has been presented to the Executive Council and the Council's approval thereof.

The following has been resolved:

Article (1)

In the application of the provisions hereof, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings set out next to each one of them, unless the context indicates otherwise:

Emirate:	Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
Department:	The Department of Municipalities and Transport (DMT).
Centre:	The Integrated Transport Centre (ITC).
Licensing Authority:	The authority in charge of licensing vehicles in the Emirate.
Competent Authorities:	The local governmental authorities whose approval is required to be obtained, under the legislations, for undertaking any activity as in relation to the transport of goods.
Axle Weigh Stations:	The stations designated for monitoring the load weights of goods transport vehicles.
Transport Vehicle:	A vehicle that is designated for the transport of goods, whether heavy or light, including motorcycles.

Heavy Vehicle:	A vehicle that is designated for the transport of goods, having an actual unloaded weight of more than (2.5) tons, including the trailers connected to it.
Light Vehicle:	A vehicle that is designated for the transport of goods, having an actual unloaded weight of not more than (2.5) tons, without having a trailer. Such vehicles include motorcycles.
Goods:	The materials and alive animals that are transported by land by vehicles as per the approved specifications for every type of goods.
Activity:	Goods transport activities that are undertaken in the Emirate in by fee, whether by transport vehicles within the Emirate or between the Emirate and the other Emirates.
Operator:	Every entity that is authorized by the Centre to undertake the activity.
Activity Permit:	A permit that is issued by the Centre to undertake the activity.
Vocational Permit:	A permit that is issued by the Centre for the profession of a transport driver of goods that are specified and determined in the permit.

Article (2)

The provisions shall apply to all transport vehicles in the Emirate.

Article (3)

The Centre shall undertake the following responsibilities:

1. To issue activity permits in the Emirate in liaison with the competent authorities in accordance with the legislations in force in this regard.
2. To issue vocational permits for the drivers of transport vehicles.
3. To operate axle weigh stations and to enter contracts with others for the provision of the operation services thereof after the approval of the “Department”, and to forward periodic reports on the competency, efficiency, safety and quality of the services of axle weigh stations to the Department.
4. To monitor the operators’ adherence to the conditions of the permits granted to them.
5. To create databases, and to conduct specialized studies for the development and improvement of activities in the Emirate and to provide the Department with such studies.
6. To register all transport vehicles in the Emirate, and to create databases for the same in liaison with the licensing authority.

Article (4)

It is conditional for undertaking the activity to adhere to the following:

1. To obtain a permit from the Centre and to adhere to the limits of the granted permit prior to the commencement of operation processes.
2. To obtain a non-objection certificate (NOC) from the Centre for the registration, renewal, title transfer or deregistration of a transport vehicle with the licensing authority.
3. To meet all the conditions and specifications that are specified by the competent authorities in accordance with the legislations in force in this regard.
4. To set detailed programs for the periodic maintenance of transport vehicles, including the daily examination procedures thereof, and to ensure their safety to travel on the road and their goodness for the transport of goods, and to keep the records thereof for a period of not less than three years, and to show the Centre the same on demand and to adhere to the implementation.
5. To link transport vehicles with the electronic tracking or monitoring system that is decided by the Centre.
6. To only use transport vehicles in undertaking the licensed activity.
7. To keep regular records that set out the number of drivers' working hours, the number of driving hours and resting hours, the details of the driving locations and timings of the vehicles, and the details of the driver's adherence to proper driving, using technological devices and systems that are approved by the Centre.
8. To park transport vehicles in the places designated for such by the competent authorities.
9. To provide the details, information, reports and documents that are requested by the Department or the Centre within the time duration specified in such request.
10. To adhere to the stipulations and instructions that are issued by the Department or the Centre.
11. To register in the Occupational Safety and Health Management System (OSHMS) in accordance with the requirements of Abu Dhabi Public Health Centre (ADPHC) within a period of 30 days from the date of obtaining the license and/or license renewal, or to obtain a non-objection certificate (NOC) for the registration, renewal, title transfer or deregistration of a transport vehicle with the licensing authority.

Article (5)

It is conditional to adhere to the following for the issuance of an activity permit:

1. To submit a valid business license issued by the competent authority.
2. To fill and sign the application form prepared by the Centre for this purpose.

3. To install electronic tracking and monitoring devices, systems and equipment as per the standards and specifications approved by the Centre in all the transport vehicles intended to be operated.

Article (6)

It is prohibited for any person to drive any transport vehicle unless such person has a permit from the Centre for doing so. It is conditional to meet the following for granting such permit:

1. driving license according to the type of the transport vehicle intended to be driven.
2. To pass the training courses that are specified by the Centre.
3. To be not younger than (18) years old for driving a light vehicle and not younger than (20) years old for driving a heavy vehicle.
4. UAE-residents shall submit a valid good conduct certificate, issued by the concerned authority.
5. To provide the traffic points report from the concerned authority for the year in which the application is being filed and the prior year .
6. To submit a medical report every two years in confirming being clear of the following illnesses:
 - a. Disability.
 - b. Heart diseases, diabetes, and high-risk blood pressure.
 - c. Epilepsy and mental, neurological and psychiatric illnesses.
 - d. Kidney diseases and hepatitis.
 - e. Leprosy.
 - f. Vision and sight strength illnesses and weak hearing.
7. to be knowledgeable of Arabic or English.

Article (7)

1. The validity of the activity permits that are issued by the Centre shall be limited to one year.
2. The operator shall renew the permit activity prior to the expiration. A permit shall become void two months following the expiration date.
3. The validity of a vocational permit shall be limited to two years, renewable for similar durations. A driver may not drive any transport vehicle with an expired permit.
4. A vocational permit shall be renewed within a month from the expiration date. A permit shall stand void one month following the expiration date .
5. The Centre may suspend or cancel any permit whenever it doesn't meet the requirements and conditions stipulated hereunder, as well as in case it is evidenced that the details given for obtaining the permit are incorrect, or in case

of the failure to pay traffic violation fines within a duration of six months from the issuance date of the traffic violation ticket.

6. Activity permits and vocational permits may only be renewed after the payment of the stipulated fees and fines.
7. The operator shall deliver to the Centre the permit of any driver thereof upon the end of his employment for the cancelation.
8. In case a driver is accused of committing any crime in breach of honor or honesty or is convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics and psychotropics or in case he causes a serious accident, the vocational permit given to such driver shall be immediately suspended and returned back to the Centre until a final ruling is made against him. If the ruling is made in his conviction, the permit shall be canceled and he shall not be permitted to practice the profession anymore.

Article (8)

In addition to the other specifications and supplies which the Department deems necessary to be met by the vehicles as are determined by virtue of a resolution of the Department's Chairman, the specifications of all transport vehicles that are registered in the Emirate shall conform to the accredited standard Emirati specifications and shall meet the safety standards applicable in the Emirate for the vehicles being operated.

Article (9)

1. All transport vehicles that are using the road network of the Emirate shall adhere to the maximum limits of total loads and dimensions as are specified by the Department, or the maximum limits of weights of the transport vehicle according to the manufacturer's certificate, whichever is lesser.
2. The motorcycles that are using the road network shall adhere to the applicable specifications of the Emirate for goods transport boxes.

Article (10)

The following vehicles shall be exempted from the stipulations specified in this regulation:

1. The vehicles that are registered with the Armed Forces and that carry their numbers.
2. The exempted vehicles under the legislations in force.

Article (11)

1. It is prohibited to operate any transport vehicle in the Emirate for undertaking any activity without obtaining a permit for such from the Centre.

2. It is prohibited to operate any transport vehicle for undertaking an activity unless it is registered in the Emirate. The Centre may authorize transport vehicles from outside the Emirate to operate for a duration of one month, three months, six months or a year, subject to providing the following:
 - a. A copy of the valid vehicle registration card of the transport vehicle.
 - b. A copy of the contract entered between the operator and the second party.
 - c. A copy of the valid business license.
3. It is prohibited to operate or transit transport vehicles within the Emirate if such vehicles are nonconformant to the accredited specifications and standards.

Article (12)

1. Without prejudice to any more stringent penalty as stipulated in any other legislation, the schedule of violations and penalties appended shall apply to those who violate the provisions hereof.
2. The Centre shall inform the competent licensing authorities of the Emirate of all the traffic violations whose fines have not been paid, and shall liaise with such authorities for the collection of the amount of such fines.

Article (13)

1. In case technical faults are found to exist within a transport vehicle during the field test in what would compromise the safety of the driver or road users, one of the following actions shall be taken:
 - a. It shall be prohibited to use such transport vehicle until meeting the safety requirements without which the vehicle cannot travel on the road, as are issued by virtue of a resolution of the Department.
 - b. The vehicle's driver shall be permitted to continue traveling with such vehicle after specifying the repairs that have to be made, with which the vehicle can still travel, within a specified time period, failing doing such repairs within the prescribed period, such vehicle shall be deemed a prohibited transport vehicle.
2. The driver shall be present with his heavy vehicle throughout the presence of such vehicle at axle weigh stations or inspection places, and shall be fully and legally liable for the safety of the heavy vehicle and the goods and cargo thereon. The Centre shall not be liable – in the course of its performance of the tasks thereof to monitor compliance with the provisions hereof – for the loss or damage of the transport vehicle's cargo or any part thereof, or for the delay incurred by the operator of the transport vehicle.
3. Any official who operates, causes the operation of, or deliberately permits the operation of any transport vehicle that does not meet the requirements referred to herein is deemed to have breached the provisions hereof.

Article (14)

- 1- The law enforcement officer shall monitor the implementation of the provisions hereof. For such purpose, such officers may detect violations and request the presentation of the necessary documents, and they may seek the help of the Police or any other competent authority whenever it is required.
- 2- When writing the minutes, the competent law enforcement officer shall offer conciliation to the violator, and this shall be evidenced in the minutes.
- 3- A violator who accepts conciliation shall pay 75% of the total penalty amount specified for the violation, within a grace period not exceeding a month from the date of offering conciliation thereto, and the violation shall cease by conciliation.

Article (15)

Every interested party may aggrieve in writing to the Centre against any decision , action or remedy that is taken against such party under the provisions of this regulation and the resolutions passed thereunder, within sixty (60) days from the date of being informed of the aggrieved decision, action or remedy. A decision shall be made in the grievance according to the applicable procedures of the Centre and the grievant shall be informed of the grievance result. The failure to make a decision in the grievance within ninety (90) days from the date of filing the same shall constitute an acceptance of the grievance.

Article (16)

All the operators of goods transport activities shall rectify their status in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw within a duration not exceeding six months from the effectiveness date regulation .

Article (17)

This resolution shall be published in the official gazette, and shall take effect from the publication date.

Falah Mohammed Al Ahbabi

The Chairman of the Department of Municipalities and Transport (DMT)

Passed in Abu Dhabi

Dated:

Corresponding to:

**The Schedule of Violations and Penalties for
the Operators of Goods Transport Activities**

Item	Violation	Penalty in Dirhams
1	Undertaking an activity within the Emirate without obtaining a permit from the Centre.	10,000
2	Undertaking any activity other than the activity permitted by the Centre.	3,000
3	Undertaking an activity under an expired permit.	1,000 per month of delay
4	The operation of a transport vehicle that is not authorized to undertake the activity.	1,000 per transport vehicle
5	The operation of a transport vehicle for undertaking an activity other than the authorized activity.	500 per transport vehicle
6	Driving a transport vehicle by a driver who is not authorized by the Centre.	2,000
7	The failure to cancel a driver's permit upon the end of his employment with the operator.	1,000
8	The failure to follow the instructions that are specified by the competent law enforcement officer.	500
9	The failure to provide the details, information, reports and documents that are requested by the Department or the Centre within the time duration specified in the request.	500
10	The violation of the conditions of the activity permit.	1,000
11	Parking or driving vehicles in unpermitted locations.	200 per transport vehicle
12	The failure to keep regular records that set out the number of drivers' working hours and the number of driving hours and resting hours.	500
13	The failure to adhere to the stipulations and instructions that are issued by the Department or the Centre.	2,000
14	Driving a heavy vehicle or permitting the operation of a heavy vehicle having a total weight of less than 10% in excess of the maximum weight specified by the Department.	200 per ton in excess of the permissible maximum
15	Driving a heavy vehicle or permitting the operation of a heavy vehicle having a total weight of 10%-20% in excess of the maximum weight specified by the Department.	400 per ton in excess of the permissible maximum
16	Driving a heavy vehicle or permitting the operation of a heavy vehicle having a total weight of more than 20% in excess of the maximum weight specified by the Department.	700 per ton in excess of the permissible maximum
17	The operation of a transport vehicle without the installation of the GPS system or the failure to switch on such system, or deactivating such system, or the failure to link such system with the Centre's GPS system.	4,000