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# Welcome

We have updated a number of topics since the last edition to cover changes in legislation and enforcement practice.

April 2007 saw the introduction of a number of new rules affecting all drivers and operators. The drivers' hours' rules, and the rules for the use of tachographs changed, so our appropriate chapters have been updated.

The London Emission Zone is new and has far reaching implications for all operators both now and for the future and the financial implications are high for non-compliance.

Further new regulations have been introduced in the form of Driver CPC training. This is now well established and drivers are undergoing periodic training as well as initial training around the country. Details of the DCPC have been included in this handbook.

The Digital Tachographs introduction is reaching further into the UK fleet of vehicles, not forgetting that there will be fewer and fewer hire vehicles available with the analogue system installed, so its impact on your business might be sooner than you think.

New standards for digital tachos in 2011 and 2012, simplify how data is recorded and made the operation easier for drivers and operators alike

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Please contact us to make any comments on any new items you would like to see included or expanded, as it is our intention to update the handbook annually.

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