

PRESS RELEASE

Working for future remote downloading of data from Digital Tachograph

Major Truck Manufacturers agree to search a secure and legal solution for remote downloading of data from Digital Tachograph.

Transport companies face a large amount of work in complying with legal requirements for recurrent transfer, storing and securing driver and vehicle data from the Digital Tachograph.

Using telematics systems for remote downloading of the data to a local computer this task could be substantially reduced. However, up to now, this is not possible.

The truck manufacturers are actually working to develop a solution in which the driver and vehicle data could be transmitted by telematics systems to the transport company, without any involvement of the driver and independently of the location of the truck.

ACEAs Heavy Truck Electronic Interface Group, formerly known as the FMS Group, and its members DAF, IVECO, MAN, Mercedes-Benz, Scania, Volvo and Renault started an initiative to make the information stored in the Digital Tachograph accessible by telematics systems with the consequent possibility of a remote download of the data from the truck to the fleet base.

For this purpose, it is planned to extend the FMS Interface capability (the so called "FMS-standard" is an open standard for accessing a specific set of electronic data of a truck CAN Bus).

To realize this goal regulatory as well as technical issues have to be resolved. Due to certification requirements of the European Union of this highly sensitive matter and necessary technical development by the manufactures of the Digital Tachograph the Truck OEMs do not expect a solution before 2008/2009.

Nevertheless, the truck manufacturers are willing to undertake all actions needed to accelerate the certification and standardization process. They state that only a stable, secure and approved solution will reduce complexity and ease handling for the transport companies in complying with the extensive regulations concerning the Digital Tachograph.

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