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## SMART TACHOGRAPHS 2019 – EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Within the next few months new vehicles will start to be fitted with the next generation of digital smart tachographs.

### New Requirements

The requirements will not change drastically. Fleets and drivers will still need to comply with Driver's Hours Legislation and the Working Time Directive. Digital data will still need to be downloaded, stored and analysed. However the new tachograph will contain new features that do not exist in the current tachograph.

The main difference will be that the new "smart" tachographs will have a GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) module which will record the vehicle's location at the start and end of a journey and this will update every three hours.

Road Enforcement Officers will be able to communicate remotely with the smart tachograph using a radio device, without having to stop the vehicle. They will receive information from the unit on possible infringements. Certain other data will be transmitted, for example vehicle calibration data, but no personal driver information will be sent, e.g. names or addresses.

### What should Transport Operators Do?

Tachograph data will still need to be stored and analysed and this will include the new GNSS data, improved ferry mode information and the recording of events and faults. Transport operators need to check that their download tools can receive the new data.

All of the remote download devices, including Digi DLs and Digi Post Pros supplied by TMS will be automatically updated over the internet. Your other "hand-held" download tools recently supplied by us, such as the DigiVu, DLK Pro, Lisle Digidown devices will require an update and we are currently waiting from the manufacturers to find out how this will be carried out and whether they will be making a small charge for the update. Please be aware that some of the very early devices may not be compatible with the new generation tachographs, even with an update.

Transport Operators will need to ensure they obtain new company cards if they have smart tachographs on their fleet.

Eventually all current driver cards will be phased out and drivers will receive a new tachograph driver card that will record the additional information from the smart tachographs. The new card will work in all tachographs, including your current models.

Drivers will still be able to use their current cards in the new smart tachographs but the new information derived from the smart tachograph will not be registered onto their card.

**TMS will ensure that you are fully supported as this new tachograph legislation comes into force and please do not hesitate to contact us on 0115 9206762 or email [support@tmsanalysis.co.uk](mailto:support@tmsanalysis.co.uk) should you have any queries or would like further advice.**