

Invitation: meeting on the EETS toll domain statement for EETS providers - Heavy Goods Vehicle Charge

Heavy Vehicle Charge

In 2022, the Heavy Vehicle Charge Act has been adopted and published (Staatsblad 2022, 330 ¹). The objective of the Heavy Vehicle Charge (HVC) is included in the explanatory memorandum to the bill:

- Making domestic and foreign freight traffic pay for the use of the road, by converting a fixed tax (motor vehicle tax and Eurovignette) into a variable levy in which payment is made per kilometer driven. For example, freight traffic will pay more than now for using the road;
 - Innovating and making the Dutch transport sector more sustainable. It has been agreed in the coalition agreement that the net income from the truck levy will be channeled back to the sector in consultation with the transport sector by, in addition to reducing the motor vehicle tax on trucks, using funds for innovation and sustainability (returning).
- With the introduction of the heavy goods vehicle charge (HGVC), sustainable road transport will be achieved as well as a more "fair pricing" through the application of the 'user pays' and 'polluter pays' principles.

Service Providers

The system is based on satellite-based positioning and is set up as a service provider dominant. This means that the core function of the charging system, facilitating compliance with the obligation to charge, is fulfilled by service providers. These so-called EETS providers take care of the registration of the kilometers driven and the collection of the HVC. The EETS providers will provide their services within the framework of the EETS toll domain statement (EDS), which contains the bilateral contract including the commercial and procedural conditions and is prescribed by the EETS Directive and the EETS Directive Implementation Act. The policy ambition is to use the services of EETS providers as much as possible. In order for the government to guarantee compliance with the obligations under the Heavy Vehicle Charge Act, a nationally operating service provider (the so-called Main Service Provider) provides services to holders who cannot or do not want to close a contract with an EETS provider.

Interaction with EETS providers

Due to the importance of the role of EETS providers within HGVC, there has been several interactions with this market in recent years regarding the structure and content of the EDS. Because RDW values a long-term relationship with EETS providers and because it is planned to publish the EDS in mid-2024, RDW wants dialogue and further in-depth discussion on the topics: 1) remuneration and performance regime and 2) technical requirements, including the structure of the accreditation procedure. That is why RDW is organizing a meeting on these subjects for interested parties in the market for EETS providers in order to identify any points for attention.

The meeting

The meeting will take place within the above mentioned framework. RDW therefore cordially invites interested parties on Thursday 15 June 2023. Afterwards a meeting regarding the open road ANPR-tolling scheme (Temporary Tolling for BBV and ViA15) will take place on the same day and location in the afternoon, at which the parties mentioned in this invitation are also encouraged to participate. More information about this will be announced on Tendered. The agenda of topics to be discussed during the EETS meeting will be announced via Tendered prior to the meeting.

Your registration

Parties are requested to send their request to participate no later than June 1, 2023 to AlgemenezakenTol@rdw.nl, stating the number of people who will participate on behalf of their company (maximum 2 people per company; you are advised to include at least financial and technical expertise).

If you have any substantive questions, please contact Frederic Koeman (fkoeman@rdw.nl).

¹ [Official Gazette 2022, 330 | Overheid.nl > Official Announcements \(Official Announcements.nl\)](#)