



Important News

To: All BFFF Members

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LONDON LOW EMISSION ZONE

The British Frozen Food Federation (BFFF) would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the forthcoming Greater London Low Emission Zone. This new Low Emission Zone will take effect from the 4th February 2008 and will have a potential impact on many of our members operating within the Greater London area.

The Mayor is committed to improving air quality in London and as part of this commitment he has designated the whole of the Greater London area a Low Emission Zone (LEZ). The LEZ will improve air quality by deterring the most polluting diesel engine vehicles from driving within the Greater London area.

The LEZ will apply:

- From 4th February 2008 to all diesel engine lorries over 12 tonnes
- From July 2008 to all diesel engine lorries over 3.5 tonnes and buses and coaches over 5 tonnes with more than 9 seats
- From October 2010 to all diesel engine vans over 1.205 tonnes and minibuses under 5 tonnes with more than 9 seats

All of these vehicles, including goods vehicles, motor caravans, motorised horseboxes, and other specialist vehicles, will have to comply with an emission standard of Euro III for particulates in order to operate within the LEZ without charge. From January 2012 the emission standard will be tightened to Euro IV for lorries, buses and coaches only. **The LEZ will not apply to cars, motorcycles or small vans (under 1.205 tonnes unladen weight)**

Vehicles first registered as new on or after 1st October 2001 are deemed to be Euro III compliant and so will meet the LEZ emissions standards in 2008. Owners of vehicles which do not meet the specified emissions standards for the LEZ have several options to comply with the scheme including:

- Certifying that an eligible engine meets the required standard
- Fitting particulate abatement equipment to the vehicle
- Purchasing a newer vehicle
- Paying a daily charge

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Transport for London (TfL) have set up a dedicated enquiries service to help vehicle owners understand what the LEZ means for them and what they may have to do to comply with the scheme. TfL's website <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon> provides much detailed information about the LEZ, alternatively call the dedicated call centre on **0845 607 0009**. An information leaflet can be downloaded by clicking on the following link: <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/LEZ/LEZ-information-leaflet.pdf>. Further copies of this leaflet can also be ordered free of charge from the call centre.

Information on approved abatement equipment and suppliers for fitting such equipment can be found on TfL's website, together with the processes for getting approved abatement equipment certified once fitted. Alternatively operators can contact the Energy Saving Trust (EST), <http://www.est.org.uk> for advice on fitting particulate abatement equipment to their vehicles.

The LEZ scheme will be introduced from 4th February 2008 and owners of affected vehicles are advised to take early action to avoid the LEZ charge.

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