

Regulation on second hand vehicles in the Port of Antwerp

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Safety and security are a priority for the Antwerp Port Authority. Therefor we emphasize that second hand vehicles and byloads need to comply with all applicable and relevant national and international rules and regulations.

Over the last year several measurements have been put in place with the purpose to make inspection on the compliance of the second hand vehicles and the additional cargo more easy and enhance the safety on the terminal and on the vessel. These first steps have resulted in some improvements, but it is clear that next steps are needed to establish a sustainable, safe and secure way of handling and transport of second hand vehicles.

Following new rules come into force. To give time to all parties to adjust accordingly, the date of entry into force is **1/1/2021** :

- vehicle categories of cars (max 1.70 m high) and small vans (1.71m to 2.10 m h) : no byload allowed (except for vehicle original objects such as fire extinguisher, warning triangle, spare tire, vehicle jack)
- vehicle category big van (> 2.10 m upto 2.60 m) :
 - open compartments, cargo allowed up to shoulder height of seats
 - closed compartments, cargo allowed in cargo space, up to half of the height of the compartment
- buses for passenger transportation : no byload allowed
- vehicle category of trucks /oro vehicle class (vehicles > 2.60 m high / > 2.20 m wide) byload upto permissible maximum weight of the vehicle

In case of non-compliance, the vehicle must be blocked and cannot be exported.

We trust that all parties involved will take due note of these amended regulations in order to continue this cargo flow in a safe and sustainable way.

Kind regards,



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