

As of July 1, 2008, the vignette will be mandatory for driving on Slovene motorways



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According to the Act Amending Public Roads Act, a compulsory use of vignettes on motorways and expressways in the Republic of Slovenia will be determined from 1 July 2008 for all motorcycles, personal vehicles and multi-purpose vehicles with a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3.5 tonnes. With the introduction of vignettes, there will be a speed limitation when driving through the existing toll stations in a free traffic flow. The introduction of the vignette will be followed by a gradual removal of toll station cabins from main and middle traffic motorway and expressway lanes. Lorries, buses and other vehicles exceeding 3.5 tonnes will be subject to the existing, classical way of toll payment (cash, debit/credit cards and DARS Transporter pass) on side lanes of toll collection stations until the introduction of the electronic toll collection system in a free traffic flow.

The estimated price of the annual vignette is 55 Euros (it will be valid from 1 December of the preceding year until 31 January of the next year – a total of 14 months) and 35 Euros of the six-month vignette (it will be valid six consecutive months from the purchase date - in the year 2008, only six-month vignettes will be available). A vignette for one-track vehicles/motorcycles will be introduced as well. The estimated price of the annual vignette is 27.5 Euros. The sales network is still in the phase of planning, but it is envisaged that vignettes will be inter alia available on service stations in Slovenia, border regions of neighbouring countries, post offices in Slovenia and some kiosks. It is also envisaged that the sale of vignettes will be carried out through motorist clubs in neighbouring countries. In accordance with the plan, it will probably be possible to purchase vignettes on combined toll station lanes immediately before their introduction.

For driving on toll roads without a valid sticker – vignette or avoiding toll payments as well as for the prevention of exercising statutory powers by the competent authority for the toll collection control, the act proposal imposes a fine in the amount between 300 and 800 Euros. Control over toll payment or a proper vignette use will be carried out by a toll roads operator (DARS d.d.). Apart from toll roads supervisors, additional control will be carried out by the police, the Transport Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia and the Customs Administration of the Republic of Slovenia. All aforementioned bodies are administrative offence bodies as well meaning that they will impose statutory fines on offenders on the spot.

The vignette toll system as a transition system will be introduced until the establishment of an electronic toll collection system in a free traffic flow in order to improve traffic flow and thus reduce environmental emissions in toll station areas where vehicles have to stop or slow down.

For more information on the vignette toll system visit DARS web sites (www.dars.si) where there is the Toll chapter (www.cestnina.si) with special pages dedicated to a vignette (direct access through: <http://www.cestnina.si/?id=19766>). We also prepared a review of the most frequently asked questions by motorway users so far regarding the introduction of the vignette toll system and answers to these questions. Until the introduction of vignettes, our web sites will be regularly updated with new facts and data (e.g. data on vignette sales points etc.).