



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REF LBVCR TENDER VEHICLES**

# **The London Low Emission Zone (LEZ)**

From November 2008 a new Low Emission Zone (LEZ) became operational in London. As a guide the zone covers the area within the M25.

The LEZ affects all diesel engine lorries over 3.5 tonnes first registered with the DVLA prior to 1 October 2001 (GB vehicles) which do not meet the Euro III standard for particulate matter.

Certain vehicles registered prior to this date and fitted with Euro I and Euro II engines were manufactured to have particulate matter emissions that meet the LEZ emissions standard in 2008. A full list of eligible engines can be found on the Transport for London (TfL) web site [www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon)

All Northern Ireland and non-GB registered vehicles that meet the LEZ emissions standards and are to be used within the LEZ will have to be registered with TfL. Registration forms are available to download from the above TfL web site or by calling +44 (0) 20 7310 8998.

If your vehicle does not meet the set standards and you travel within the LEZ you will be subject to a charge of £200.00 per day. This applies 24 hours/day 7 days per week. Failure to pay may result in a fine of £1,000. The options given by TfL to owners of vehicles not meeting the emissions standards are:

1. Modify your vehicle by fitting approved abatement equipment;
2. Upgrade to a newer vehicle;
3. Avoid travelling in the zone;
4. Pay the daily charge.

We have investigated Option 1 and estimate that this could cost anywhere in the region of £4,500 upwards. We have also approached the TfL pleading the LBVCR as a special case, but without success as exceptions are heavily limited. *(It should be noted that the TfL do now assist the LBVCR by providing preferential traffic light procedures out of London so speeding the exit, but their hands are tied as far as this issue is concerned).*

At this time we are not sure how many LBVCR Entrants will be affected by this new legislation. To help ease the situation we have taken the precautionary measure of bringing forward the opening time for tender vehicle parking on Madeira Drive in Brighton to 09:00hrs on the Friday. This facility is available through to 11:00hrs on the Monday. Entrants wishing to park in Madeira Drive must purchase a Tender Vehicle Pack when making their entry application.

Albeit not a complete solution we also offer the following as possible measures of assistance:

1. Unload outside the M25 and drive your veteran vehicle to your London destination;
2. Use vehicles with trailers or smaller transporters below the 3.5 tonne limit;
3. Restrict the use of your transporter, within the LEZ, to just one day by taking advantage of the Tender Vehicle Pack and parking in Madeira Drive immediately after unloading in London, ready for your post LBVCR return journey.

**All enquiries regarding the LEZ must be directed to TfL on +44(0) 20 7310 8998.**