PERIODIC AUTHORISATIONS

Periodic authorisations, valid for an unlimited number of journeys to be made within a given period of time, may be issued to all exceptional vehicles or transports with the following characteristics and conditions:

Technical requirements for obtaining a periodic authorisation:

- They exceed only the limits set out in Art. 61 of the Italian Highway Code (N.C.d.S.), within the following dimensional limits:
  - length 20.00 m
  - width 3.00 m
  - height 4.30 m

  or
  - length 25.00 m
  - width 2.55 m
  - height 4.30 m
- The load overhangs only at the rear and by no more than four tenths of the vehicle's length:
  - for a road train (truck with trailer), the overhang refers to the trailer only, unless the load is placed on a pivoting ("bilico") mounting. In that case the 4/10 refers to the length of the whole combination of vehicles;
  - for an articulated vehicle, the overhang is calculated on the length of the semi-trailer only. For an extendable semi-trailer, the 4/10 refers to the various configurations shown in the vehicle registration document;
- The items transported are described as work machines, industrial products, or reinforced concrete / prestressed reinforced concrete (C.A./C.A.P.) prefabricated elements.
- The minimum clearance of the vehicle and its load from the lane limits, measured on each side, is not less than 20 cm.
- None of the conditions requiring a road police escort or a technical escort apply.

Note. For this type of authorisation, it is permitted to reduce the dimensions of the items transported or to change their position, so as to modify the dimensions of the transport or of the vehicle, including bringing them within the dimensional limits set by Art. 61 of the N.C.d.S., provided that the mass limits set by Art. 62 of the N.C.d.S. and the requirements contained in the authorisation are guaranteed and respected under any loading condition.

Periodic authorisations may also be issued for the following categories of vehicles and exceptional transports, in view of their specific nature:

- Special-purpose vehicles: this category includes the following vehicles: road sweepers, snow sweepers, crane trucks, breakdown recovery vehicles and vehicles with a lifting platform or basket, and combinations of vehicles with a trailer for special use intended exclusively to serve the special-purpose vehicles by which they are towed, or built in accordance with the special-purpose vehicle by which they are towed. For these vehicles or combinations of vehicles, the maximum authorisable mass per single axle may not exceed 12 t; in the limit case (12 t), the distance between adjacent axles must not be less than 1.50 m.

  Note. *A periodic authorisation issued in this way may require a technical escort if the speed of the vehicle is below 40 km/h.*
- Combinations of vehicles with a total laden mass not exceeding 56 t, provided that the tractor unit is classified as a heavy-duty construction vehicle (“mezzo d’opera”) and that the load carried consists exclusively of construction-site work machines;
- Vehicles used to transport railway wagons;
- Vehicles for transporting poles for power, telephone or public lighting lines. The vehicle with its load must not exceed the width and height dimensions set out in Art. 61 of the N.C.d.S., and must have a maximum length of 14 m, including any overhangs, which may be at the rear and/or at the front. The permitted front overhang must not exceed 2.50 m, measured from the front axle of the vehicle;
- Vehicles used to transport equipment for travelling shows, which do not exceed the mass limits set by Art. 62 of the Highway Code and the following dimensional limits: height 4.30 m; width 2.60 m; length 23.00 m.