

New 25 hour restriction at Danish highway rest areas

The Danish government has recently adopted new rules regarding lorry parking at rest areas along the Danish highways. The new rules are an implementation of the 2018 Finance Law Agreement, which impose a time limit of 25 hours for parking at the rest areas along the Danish highways.

Due to the 25-hour time limit, the international road carriages to and from Denmark will face new challenges. The rules on driving time and rest periods operate with different categories of rest periods, which depend on the duration of the driving period. The new 25-hour time limit makes it difficult for the drivers to carry out their reduced weekly rest - currently, drivers can take such rest periods while parking along the Danish highways.

In addition to the time-limited parking, the government has decided to raise the general level of fines for illegal parking at the rest areas from 510 DKK to 2.000 DKK. Moreover, the fine for illegal parking at the exit ramps is now 3.000 DKK instead of the current 1.000 DKK.

The rules regarding time limited parking apply to all 90 state resting areas along the Danish highways and the rules are expected to come into force 1 July 2018. The increase in the general level of fines for illegal parking in rest areas is expected to enter into force on 1 January 2019.



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