



Swedish Code of Statutes

Ordinance amending the Road Traffic Ordinance (1998:1276)

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With respect to the Road Traffic Ordinance (1998:1276), the government hereby lays down

that the current Chapter 4, § 18b shall be referred to as Chapter 4, § 18e;

that Chapter 1, § 5, Chapter 4, § 18a and the new § 18e, Chapter 13, § 3 and Chapter 14, §§ 4 and 11 shall read as follows;

that three new paragraphs, Chapter 4, §§ 18 b–18 d shall be inserted and worded as set out below.

Chapter 1

§ 5¹ The owner of a vehicle is obliged to ensure that the vehicle is not used in contravention of the provisions of this Regulation or of provisions or prohibitions issued pursuant to this Regulation. When someone else uses the vehicle, the owner's obligation applies only to the provisions of Chapter 4, §§ 3, 4, 12-14, 18 a and 18 b, as well as traffic rules issued by local traffic regulations pursuant to Chapter 10, § 1, second paragraph, which concern vehicle axle load, bogie load or triple axle pressure or gross weight.

Chapter 4

§ 18a² When travelling on the road during the period from 10 November to 10 April, the following vehicles shall be equipped with winter tyres or equivalent equipment when winter road conditions prevail:

1. personal cars in class I,
2. personal cars in class II :
3. tractor consisting of a modified car,
4. Light truck
5. light bus
6. trailer towed by a vehicle referred to in (1) to (5).

§ 18b When travelling on the road during the period from 10 November to 10 April, the following vehicles shall be equipped with winter tyres or equivalent equipment:

1. heavy truck
2. heavy bus, and
3. trailer towed by a vehicle referred to in (1) to (2).

¹ Most recent version 2022:1412

² Most recent version 2023:565

§ 18 c A vehicle may be used despite §§ 18 a and 18 b if

1. if it is possible to do so without posing a risk to road safety
 - a) for test driving or towing the vehicle in connection with repair or similar purposes; or
 - b) for travelling the shortest suitable route to and from the nearest inspection body, in accordance with the Vehicles Act (2002:574) for inspection; or
2. if the vehicle is thirty years old or older according to the Swedish Road Traffic Registry.

§ 18 d The Swedish Transport Agency may issue further regulations stating that, notwithstanding §§ 18 a and 18 b, vehicles may be used if it can be done without compromising road safety.

§ 18b³ For heavy goods vehicles with two axles, one of which is a driving axle, to which one or more trailers are coupled, the following applies from 10 December to 31 March for travel on roads:

1. at least 25 percent of the vehicle train's total gross weight shall be loaded on the driving axle; or
2. the total gross weight of the coupled trailers shall not exceed the gross weight of the lorry by more than 1.5 times.

Chapter 13

§ 3⁴ Exemptions may be granted in the cases below by the following authorities.

Provisions	The exemption concerns	Authority.

9. Chapter 4, § 9, paragraph 1.		Swedish Transport Agency
Traffic involving motor vehicles on roads		
10. Chapter 4 § 10, § 10(a), first paragraph, § 10(b), § 15(b), § 18(a), § 18(b) or § 18(e).		Swedish Transport Agency
11. Chapter 4, §§ 12- 15a, §§ 17, 17(a) or § 18	One municipality More than one municipality	The municipality The national road maintenance authority in the region where the journey begins

³ Most recent wording of previous Section 18b 2022:1412.

⁴ Most recent version 2018:1562

§ 4⁵ The driver of a powered vehicle that violates Chapter 4, §§ 3, 4, 12, 13, 18(a), 18(b) or 18(e) or local traffic regulations pursuant to Chapter 10, § 1, second paragraph, relating to the axle load, bogie load, triple axle load, or gross weight, shall be fined a pecuniary penalty if he or she knew or should have known about the obstacle to the vehicle's use. Anyone who, in such a case, uses someone else's vehicle without permission has the same obligations as the owner under Chapter 1, § 5 and is judged in lieu of the owner in accordance with § 11 of this Chapter.

Anyone complicit in such acts referred to in the first paragraph shall be held liable under Chapter 23 of the Penal Code.

§ 11⁶ The owner of a vehicle shall be fined a pecuniary penalty if he or she has intentionally or negligently not done what can reasonably be required of him or her in order to prevent the vehicle from being operated in violation of Chapter 4, §§ 3, 4, 12, 13, 18(a), 18(b) or 18(e) or in violation of local traffic regulations pursuant to Chapter 10, § 1, relating to the axle load, bogie load, triple-axle load, or gross weight of the vehicle. The same applies to the holder of the vehicle with the right of use, who has the power to determine who drives the vehicle or entrusts a different driver other than the one the owner has designated.

Anyone complicit in such acts referred to in the first paragraph shall be held liable under Chapter 23 of the Penal Code.

The Regulation shall enter into force on 1 November 2025.

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⁵ Most recent version 2022:1412

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