

Impact assessment

The administrative and economic costs associated with the proposal are considered limited and are clearly expected to be lower than the anticipated societal benefits.

Costs will be incurred to amend the relevant regulation, including the development of internal case processing guidelines and the creation of an application for the calculator, with user explanations to be displayed on vegvesen.no. The societal benefit of the proposed change is assessed to be significantly greater than the costs related to its implementation.

The Vehicle Register already contains the necessary fields with information about the trailer coupling. However, the vehicle registration certificate (vognkort) lacks certain fields related to trailer coupling—for example, the ability to display data for multiple couplings on trailers. The same limitation applies to the public lookup services available on vegvesen.no and in the mobile app.

Work on these changes is scheduled to begin in the third four-month period of 2025.

The proposal is not expected to entail significant economic or administrative consequences for public or private stakeholders.

Information about the trailer coupling and the vehicle's weights is available on the identification plates attached to the vehicles and is thus accessible to the driver. The societal benefits of implementing the change—before all data is included in the registration certificate, or via the "Check vehicle information" service on vegvesen.no or the "Car and trailer" app—are considered to outweigh the inconvenience a driver may experience from not having complete data in the registration certificate until the new fields are added.

Some vehicles that are already approved will need to undergo a new approval process in order to benefit from the opportunities provided by the new regulations.

For the industry, this change will allow for better utilization of the affected vehicles. Heavily built vehicles or vehicles with high gross weights will no longer need to purchase oversized coupling equipment, or alternatively, reduce their registered weights for the intended use.