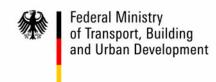


# HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE TOLLS IN GERMANY

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# LEGAL FRAMEWORK

#### Coalition agreement of October 1998

— "For the purpose of a fair allocation of infrastructure costs, the time-related motorway user charge for lorries will be replaced as early as possible with an electronic fee collection system based on the vehicle mileage. This will also contribute to shifting a certain percentage of goods carried to rail and waterway transport."

#### 12 April 2002: Motorway toll act enters into law

- HGVs with a maximum permissible weight of 12 t or more
- Charges based on the exact number of kilometers driven
- Non discrimination: Automatic and manual booking
- Toll rates according to number of axles and emission categories: 9-14 cents/km
- Earmarking of revenue
- 1 January 2005: Tolling started on the Federal motorways



## **TOLL CONTEXT DATA**

- Tolled road network
  - 12.733 km Federal motorways
  - 42 km Federal roads (since 2007)
  - 2.355 motorway junctions
  - 249 motorway intersections
- HGVs subject to tolls
  - HGVs with a permissible weight of 12 tonnes
  - Approx. 1,5 million HGVs
- Mileage subject to tolls
  - approx. 27.6 bn km per year (2008)
  - approx. 35 % by foreign HGVs
- Information on the charging system
  - distance travelled
  - number of axles
  - emission category of the motor vehicle

Bestand von Bundesautobahnen - Stand: 1. Januar 2009





# FROM INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS TO TOLLS

**Infrastructure costing (2010)** 

Total costs for motorways: € 11.74 bn

Costs imposed by HGVs on motorways: € 5.2 bn

Pro rata HGV mileage: 27.4 bn km

Average toll rate: 17.0 cents/km

Actual average toll rate: 16.3 cents/km

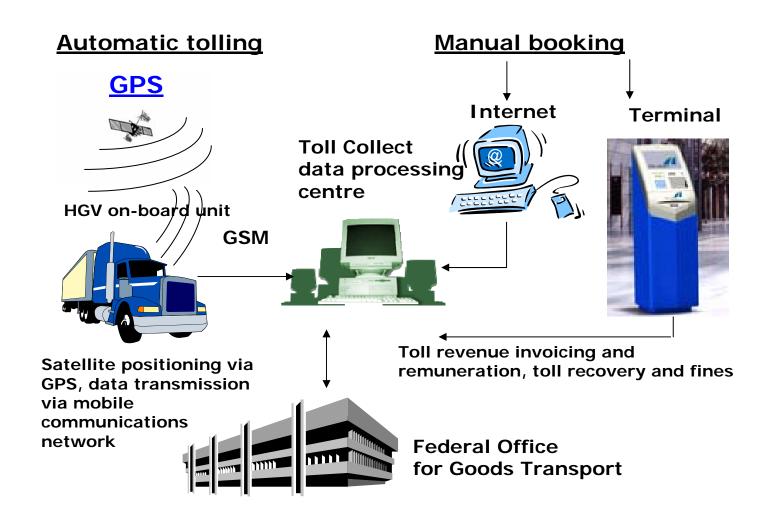
(Toll level regulations)

**Pricing by axles** 

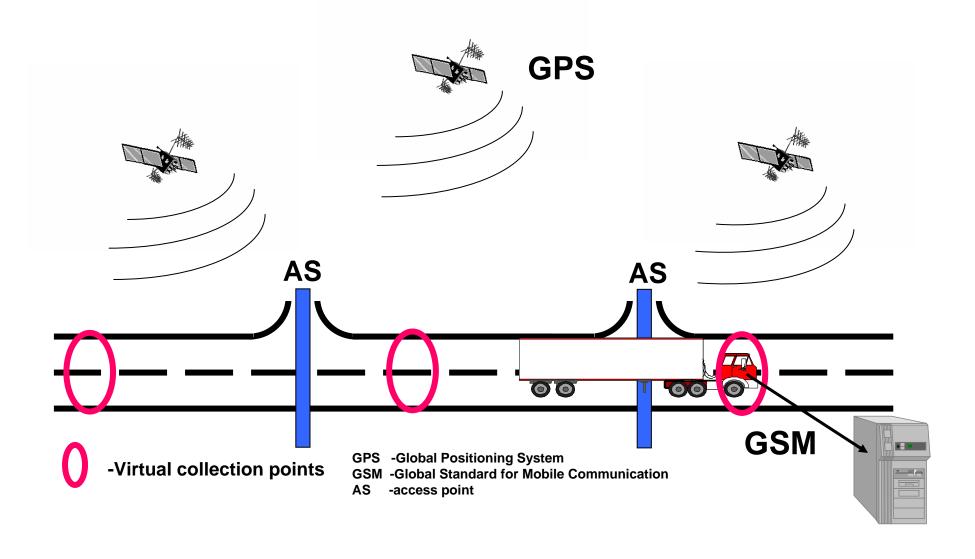
and emission classes: 14.1 – 28.8 cents/km



# System structure



# **Automatic Toll Collection -** Satellite-based positioning system (GPS) and virtual collection points



# **TOLL REVENUE**

2005: € 2.86 bn (gross)

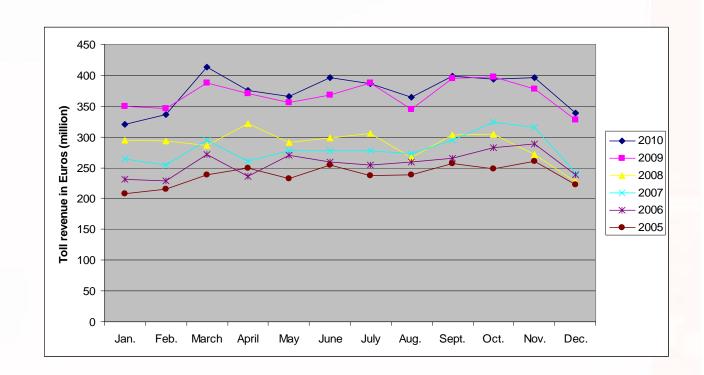
2006: € 3.08 bn (gross)

2007: € 3.36 bn (gross)

2008: € 3.46 bn (gross)

2009: € 4.41 bn (gross)

2010: € 4.48 bn (gross)





# **ENFORCEMENT (1/2)**

#### **Enforcement**

- Effective enforcement by means of spot checks
- Four different types of spot check
  - Automatic checks backed up by video
  - Stationary checks following automatic checks
  - Mobile checks
  - Checks on the premises of German haulage companies
- Recovery and fines







# **ENFORCEMENT (2/2)**

# Results of checks

Spot checks10 % of trips

HGVs checked in 2005/2006
 17.6 m/18.2 m

Violations
 below 2 % (original

estimate: 5 %)

• **Fines** up to € 20,000

# Fines for first offenders:

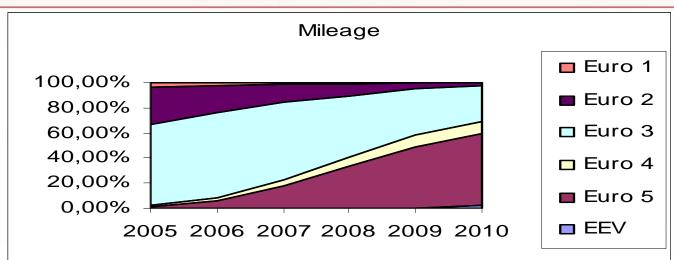
Haulier (intentional offense) € 400

Haulier (negligence) € 200

Driver half the company fine

in each case

# **EFFECTS OF THE TOLLS**



mileage	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
EEV	0,04%	0,03%	0,03%	0,05%	0,25%	2,16%
Euro 5	0,80%	5,65%	17,63%	32,74%	48,98%	57,23%
Euro 4	1,22%	2,79%	5,10%	7,80%	9,47%	10,21%
Euro 3	64,11%	67,98%	61,25%	49,09%	36,67%	27,82%
Euro 2	30,39%	21,25%	14,37%	9,28%	4,14%	2,28%
Euro 1	3,44%	2,30%	1,61%	1,04%	0,49%	0,30%



#### TOLL2GO

- Technical interoperability between the German and Austrian HGV tolling system
- Start at 1 September 2011
  - Using the German OBU to levying the toll in Austria
  - One contract with the German and one contract with the Austrian toll operator
  - Invoicing of trips in Germany by the German operator and invoicing of trips in Austria by the Austrian operator
  - Important step towards interoperability



# Thanks to the audience!

## **Questions?**

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