

Guidance note on border crossing records in analogue tachographs

Issue: Manual inclusion of border crossing information in an analogue tachograph.

Legal basis: Article 34(6), paragraph (f) of Regulation (EU) No 165/2014¹.

Approach to be followed: Article 34(6) paragraph (f) of Regulation (EU) No 165/2014 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 2020/1054² sets out the new obligation for the driver of a vehicle fitted with an analogue tachograph to manually enter in the record sheet of the tachograph the symbol of the country that the driver enters after crossing the border of a Member State. The symbol must be written at the beginning of the driver's first stop in that Member State (which must be made at the nearest possible stopping place at or after the border), or, when the crossing of the border takes place on a ferry or train, at the port or station of arrival.

Due to the reduced space that remains available on the record sheet after the automatic records on driver's activity and vehicle speed have been made, the addition of handwritten information by the driver in a way that can be clearly read and understood may be a difficult task. Moreover, adding information manually in certain places of the record sheet may lead to its damage.

The purpose of this guidance note is therefore to indicate where exactly in the record sheet the country symbol should be added, in order to ensure a common approach to implementing the obligation of recording border crossing in analogue tachographs and to prevent a possible damage of the record sheet. Annexes A, B and C of this guidance refer to the manual entries of border crossings in cases of analogue tachographs, whereas Annex D recalls the nation codes³ to be used as country symbols.

Option 1: under the inner time dial of the record sheet.

Whenever possible, the country symbol should be written under the inner time dial of the record sheet, just underneath the time at which the vehicle was stopped after crossing the border or arrived at the port or station when the crossing of the border takes place on a ferry or train (*see Annex A, Figure 1*). Where a reference line marks the opening of the hatchet of the tachograph by the driver for the purpose of inserting this manual entry, the country code should therefore be placed under this reference line (*see Annex A, Figure 2*). This solution allows to minimise the space taken by the border crossing information, since the time of the border crossing is already provided in the time dial. In addition, given that the record sheet features a standard place for displaying the date, it is not necessary either that the driver writes the date of the border crossing.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 165/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 February 2014 on tachographs in road transport, repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3821/85 on recording equipment in road transport and amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport Text with EEA relevance (OJ L 60, 28.2.2014, p. 1).

² Regulation (EU) 2020/1054 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2020 amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 as regards minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods and Regulation (EU) No 165/2014 as regards positioning by means of tachographs (OJ L 249, 31.7.2020, p. 1).

³ As set out by the Joint Research Centre: [Digital Tachograph Nation Codes \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/euro-observatory/en/digital-tachograph-nation-codes)

Annex A provides a clear example of how border crossings should be entered in the record sheet in this case.

Option 2 (if option 1 is not possible): between the inner and outer time dials of the record sheet.

Only if the space provided in the area described in Option 1 is not sufficient or unavailable for a manual entry of the border crossing, the manual entry should be inserted between the inner and outer time dials of the disc. The precise location should be to the left of the reference line or the area corresponding to where a reference line may have been recorded (if no reference line is recorded), without damaging the existing or future recording.

Annex B provides a visualisation of the acceptable area where border crossings should be entered manually in this case.

Option 3 (if options 1 & 2 are not possible): on the rear side of the analogue disc.

Only as a last resort, if the space available is not sufficient on the front side of the disc for a manual entry, the manual inscription should be included on the back of the disc, and should also include the time of border crossing. The time of the border crossing should be written in 24-hour format (ie. “20:30” for “8:30 pm”), and should therefore aim to make clear whether the crossing occurred in the morning or in the afternoon/evening.

Annex C provides a visualisation of a manual entry in such a case.

This guidance note is intended to assist drivers, undertakings and authorities in the application of Regulation (EU) No 165/2014. Only the Court of Justice of the European Union is competent to authoritatively interpret Union law.

Annex A – Manual entry of border crossing in Option 1

Figure 1 – Border crossings with the codes “B” (Belgium) and “D” (Germany) handwritten in the suitable area of the record sheet

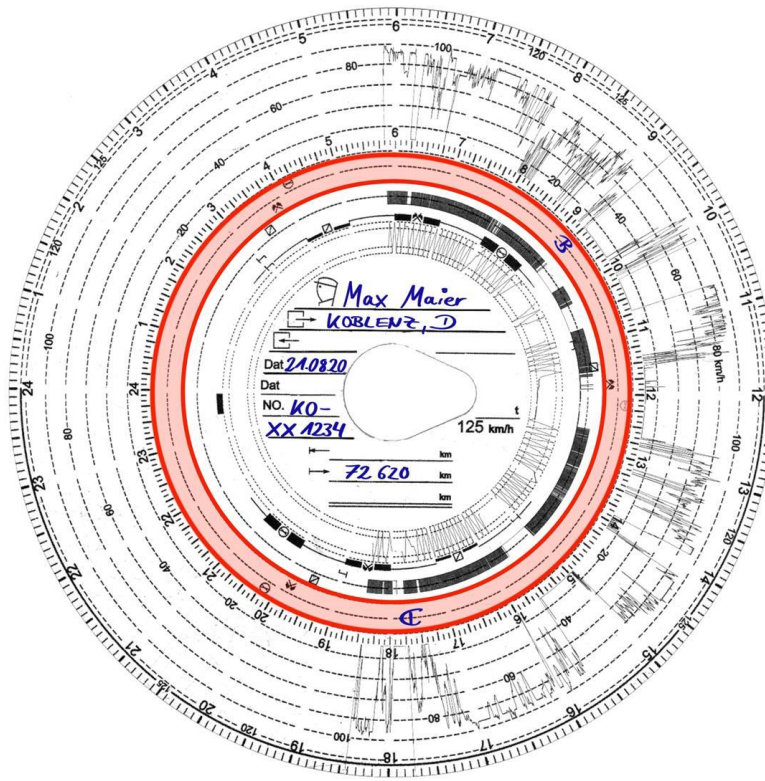
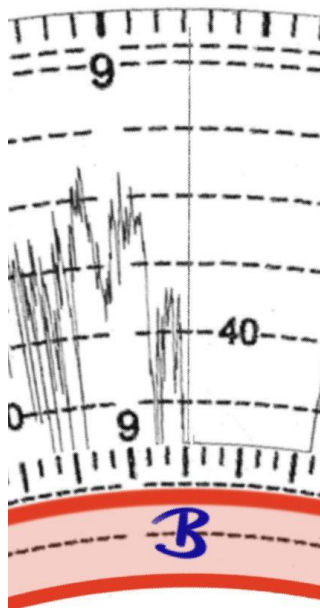
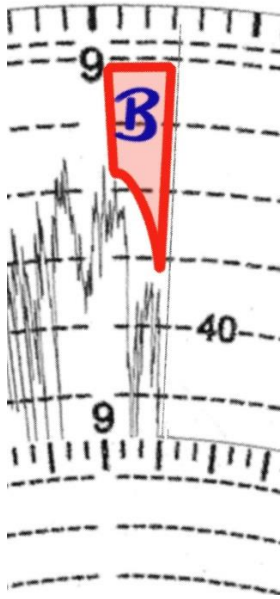


Figure 2 – Detail of the manual record



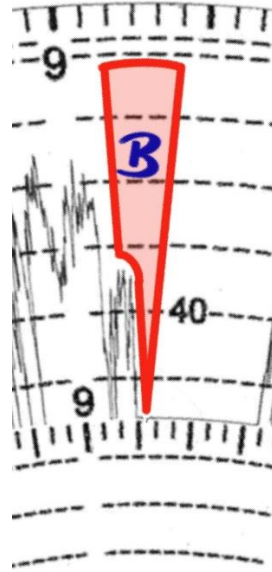
Annex B – Manual entry of border crossing in Option 2

Figure 3 – Suitable additional area of the record sheet to place the manual entry



With a reference line

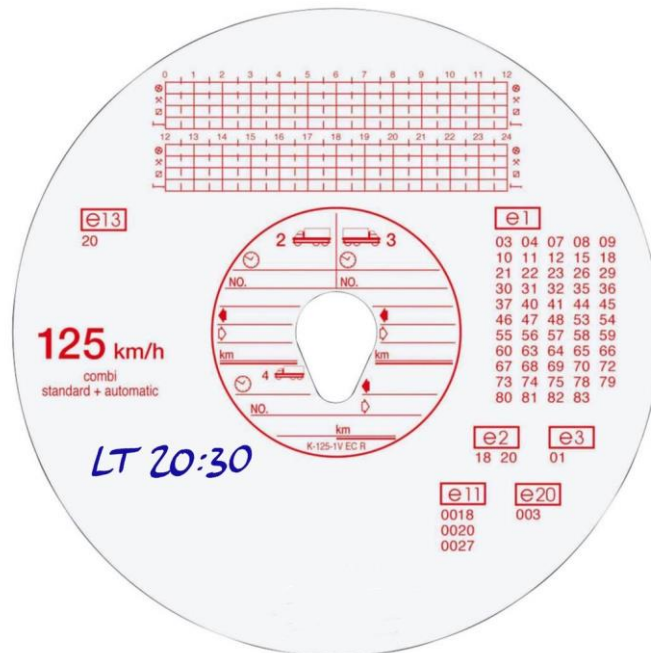
The entry should be placed to the left of the reference line (where available) without damaging existing and future recording.



Without a reference line

Annex C – Manual entry of border crossing in Option 3

Figure 4 – Example of manual entry on the rear side of the record sheet



Annex D – Table of nation codes to be used for the manual entry on the analogue tachograph

Note: a manual entry of border crossing is only required for the entrance into EU Member States.

Country	Nation Alpha Code	Country	Nation Alpha Code
Albania	AL	Malta	M
Andorra	AND	Moldova	MD
Armenia	ARM	Monaco	MC
Austria	A	Montenegro	MNE
Azerbaijan	AZ	Netherlands	NL
Belarus	BY	North Macedonia	MK
Belgium	B	Norway	N
Bosnia Herzegovina	BIH	Poland	PL
Bulgaria	BG	Portugal	P
Croatia	HR	Romania	RO
Cyprus	CY	Russia	RUS
Czech Republic	CZ	San Marino	RSM
Denmark	DK	Serbia	SRB
Estonia	EST	Slovakia	SK
Faroe Islands	FO	Slovenia	SLO
Finland	FIN	Spain	E
France	F	Sweden	S
Georgia	GE	Switzerland	CH
Germany	D	Tajikistan	TJ
Greece	GR	Turkey	TR
Hungary	H	Turkmenistan	TM
Iceland	IS	Ukraine	UA
Ireland	IRL	United Kingdom	UK
Italy	I	Uzbekistan	UZ
Kazakhstan	KZ	Vatican City	V
Latvia	LV	Reserved for Future Use	RFU
Liechtenstein	FL	European Community	EC
Lithuania	LT	Rest of Europe	EUR
Luxembourg	L	Rest of the World	WLD