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20.12.2007 - 1313 **Cologne environmental zone – from 2008 only** **with sticker or exceptional permission** Information for domestic and foreign visitors

(Info at www.stadt-koeln.de or +49 (0)221 – 221-0)

From 1st January 2008, the centre of Cologne as well as parts of Cologne-Deutz and Cologne-Mülheim will be declared an “environmental zone”. This means a general ban on vehicles in this zone for particularly pollutant cars and larger vehicles. For residents and particularly important transport, delivery and assembly vehicles there will be a transitional period of exceptional permission, likewise for automobiles used by those who own a disabled person’s pass with the characters “aG, H and BL” which they carry with them, as well as certain occupational groups.

Tourists, trade fair visitors and not technically bound distributors and business people categorically do not fall under an exception rule – this means they must label their vehicle with a red, yellow or green “environmental sticker” in order to be able to drive in the environmental zone. This also applies to day visitors.

Plans and details of the environmental zone can be found in both German and English on the internet under www.stadt-koeln.de.

Note for trade fair visitors: The Kölnmesse parking lies outside the environmental zone. You can also get there without a sticker. Note for Köln-Arena visitors: The entrance to the Köln-Arena car park lies outside the environmental zone.

How I get a sticker for my vehicle (automobile, bus, delivery vehicle)

Domestic and also foreign vehicles: Copy vehicle registration or car license I or foreign vehicle documents (It is **important** that with **foreign vehicles** the accompanying documents include the **date of the first registration** of the vehicle, otherwise the classification of the pollutant class is not possible.) and send them to



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Stadt Köln
Kfz – Zulassungsstelle
Max-Glomsda-Str. 4
51105 Köln

Enclose a 5 Euro fee (in cash or as a crossed cheque) or

Bank transfer to

Stadt Köln, Account 5262951 Sparkasse Köln/Bonn, bank code number 37050198. For bank transfers from abroad additionally use **IBAN: DE38 3705 0198 0005 2629 51** **SWIFT-BIC: COLSDE33**. - **Headword: “Umweltplakette”** and **indication of your name, the vehicle registration number and the purpose: “Kw. 100.027”**

Because the bank transfer can take a considerable time, this is only recommended if you have a number of weeks left before your journey into a city with environmental zones.

The sticker is valid all over the country and does not need to be renewed.

The Stadt Köln is trying as hard as possible to help with as little red tape as possible.

The vehicle does not have an environmental sticker. How do I apply for exceptional permission?

1. Find information in the internet under www.stadt-koeln.de about the possibilities of receiving annual exceptional permission or short-term exceptional permission.
Information about this per telephone is also available through the Stadt Köln call centre under +49 (0)221 221-0.
2. Apply for exceptional permission formlessly with information regarding the period of time of your journey or journeys, a copy of the car license and the reason for applying for an exception – by post or by e-mail to Kfz-Zulassung@stadt-koeln.de. Application forms can be downloaded in the English and German languages under www.stadt-koeln.de.
3. *The fees for successful exceptional permission or the rejection of the exceptional permission vary. Therefore you will receive notice of the fees only after the decision has been made. Please then transfer the said figure to the account mentioned above along with the required details.*
4. *After the amount has been received you will receive notification.*

Note for domestic and foreign coaches:

The transport of visitors to the city centre is among the designated exceptions. **Please apply for the permission in good time**, if your vehicle does not receive a sticker!

The relevant application forms are also available at KoelnTourismus opposite the cathedral, and can also be collected there at weekends.

Application forms can also be downloaded from the internet under www.stadt-koeln.de.

Think about it in good time!

- These rules only apply to commercial bus operations.
- Individual travellers can only apply for an exceptional permission in a very few cases (e.g. walking disability, etc. See the exceptions catalogue under www.stadt-koeln.de).



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Transitional period until 1st April 2008 –

Until 1st April 2008 the Stadt Köln waives the otherwise scheduled fines for any violations to these rules, and instead hands out a free warning.

From 1st April 2008, violations will be subject to a fine of 40 Euro and one point in the Zentrale Verkehrsregister (Central Traffic Register).

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