



## The Swedish Transport Agency's regulations and general advice on the maximum speed for vehicles with two trailers;

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By virtue of Chapter 4, Section 20 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (1998:1276), the Swedish Transport Agency issues<sup>1</sup> the following regulations.

### Introductory provisions

**Section 1** These regulations contain provisions on the maximum speed for vehicles with two trailers in cases other than those specified in Chapter 4, Section 20, second paragraph, point 2 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (1998:1276). The regulations apply to vehicle combinations not exceeding 25.25 metres in length.

**Section 2** The words and expressions used in these regulations have the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Definitions Act (2001:559) and the Road Traffic Definitions Ordinance (2001:651).

### Exemptions

**Section 3** Notwithstanding Chapter 4, Section 20 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (1998:1276), a vehicle with two trailers may be driven on the road up to a maximum of 80 km/h, if the conditions set out in Sections 4 to 8 are met. If a lower speed is stipulated for the road, that speed limit applies to the vehicle combination.

<sup>1</sup> See Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services.

## Conditions

**Section 4** The length of the vehicle combination shall not exceed 25.25 metres. This does not apply to vehicle combinations operated on the basis of a permit for testing longer vehicle combinations issued by the Swedish Transport Agency by virtue of Chapter 4, Section 17d of the Road Traffic Ordinance (1998:1276).

**Section 5** All vehicles comprising the vehicle combination shall be equipped with anti-lock brakes in accordance with

1. Council Directive 71/320/EEC of 26 July 1971 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the braking devices of certain categories of motor vehicles and of their trailers; or

2. ECE Regulation No 13 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UN/ECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles of categories M, N and O with regard to braking

The ECE Regulation has been adopted by the European Union, and published and translated into Swedish in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

**Section 6** The vehicle combination shall have two hinge points.

**Section 7** No axle, other than the front axle(s) of the truck, shall be steering axles at speeds exceeding 40 km/h.

### **General advice**

*On a truck, a steerable bissel axle located in front of the driving axle should be considered a front axle.*

**Section 8** If the rearmost trailer is a centre-axle trailer, its height, including the load, shall not exceed 4.0 metres.

If the rearmost trailer is a semi-trailer, its height, including the load, may exceed 4.0 metres only if the distance from the king pin to the axle of the trailer, or the centre of its non-steering axles, is at least 7.5 metres.

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1. This statute shall enter into force on xx April 2025.

2. This statute repeals the Swedish Road Administration's regulations (VVFS 2005:131) on the maximum speed for vehicles with two trailers (double combination).

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