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Impact assessment in connection with the notification of the draft Order on tests with self-driving units

The Order on testing for self-driving units will not entail any new implementation consequences for the State, as a licensing scheme has already been established, for which the Order relaxes the technical requirements. The licensing is administered by the Danish Road Traffic Authority. There will therefore not be new administrative reorganisation and operational impacts in connection with the processing of applications for licences for tests and the performance of supervision.

There will not be administrative impacts for the commercial undertakings that apply for a licence for tests in connection with submission of applications and the preparation of information and documentation, etc. for use in the application or in connection with supervision.

The Order may have positive environmental consequences to the extent that the use of self-driving units replaces the use of petrol- and diesel-powered motor vehicles. The use of the self-driving units rather than motor vehicles could also reduce the noise level from traffic.

The Order lays down the technical requirements for self-driving units based on road safety. The draft relaxes the requirements for weights and dimensions, so that in future the draft Order will not specify any restrictions in advance for the weights and dimensions of the self-driven units for which licence to drive or test in the pilot scheme is sought. Instead, the weights and dimensions of the self-driving unit will be a criterion assessed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the specific application, where conditions may be attached to the licence in each case.