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Major manufacturers of commercial vehicles agree to find secure and legal solution for remote downloading of data from digital tachographs

- **ACEA's Heavy Truck Electronic Interface Group fosters standardization process**
- **Extension of the FMS standard is intended**
- **Regulatory and technical issues for remote download yet to be solved**

Stuttgart – ACEA's Heavy Truck Electronic Interface Group, formerly known as the FMS Group and its members Mercedes-Benz, Scania, MAN, DAF, Iveco, Volvo and Renault have started an initiative to make the information stored in the Digital Tachograph accessible for telematics systems by downloading the data from the truck over the air.

For this purpose, an extension of the FMS standard is planned, The FMS standard is an open standard for accessing electronic data from the CAN-bus of the vehicle.

Transport companies face tremendous challenges in complying with legal requirements on accessing, storing and securing driver and vehicle data from the digital tachograph. Using telematics systems for downloading the data to a secure server could help to overcome this hassle.

The manufacturers aim for a solution in which the driver and vehicle data could be transmitted via telematics systems to the transport company, relieving the driver of any involvement and independently of the location of the truck.

To realize this goal, some political and regulatory as well as technical issues need to be resolved. Due to certification requirements of the European Union of this highly sensitive matter and necessary technical development of the manufacturers of the digital tachograph, the commercial vehicle OEMs do not expect a solution before 2008/2009.

Nevertheless, the manufacturers are willing to undertake all actions needed to speed up the certification and standardization process. The common position is that only a stable, secure and approved solution can reduce the complexity and ease handling for the transport companies in complying with the extensive regulations concerning the digital tachograph.