

To all Green Card Bureaus, Guarantee Funds and Compensation Bodies

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Dear colleagues,

we would like to inform you about a new regulation.

On 17.07.2020, the "Gesetz zur Haftung bei Unfällen mit Anhängern und Gespannen im Straßenverkehr" (law on liability for accidents involving trailers and truck/trailer combination in road traffic) comes into force.

In case of an accident that has been caused by the use of a truck/trailer combination, the law provides for a new distribution of liability. Whereas victims still have the right to claim against each, truck and trailer, in full, the internal liability in general lies at the towing vehicle (truck).

The legislator is thus standardising the legal situation which was assumed to be valid before the ruling of the German Supreme Court in 2010 (BGH IV ZR 279/08).

The new regulation has no effect on the responsibility of DBGK. Internal recourses between the insurer of the trailer and the insurer of the truck will also in future not be handled by DBGK.

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