HGV Daily Walkaround Check

The 27 checks in DVSA's guidance "Carry out HGV daily walkaround checks". You are responsible for the vehicle being safe to drive. Record and report every defect in writing, including nil defects, before you drive; DVSA can ask for the record at a roadside check.

Date _____ Registration / trailer _____ Driver _____

Inside the vehicle

- ☐ **1. Front view:** nothing in the wipers' swept area; windscreen not cracked, scratched or discoloured; front glass not excessively tinted; mirrors present, intact, not obscured; cameras working
- ☐ **2. Wipers and washers:** wipers not missing, damaged or worn; washer works
- ☐ **3. Dashboard:** instruments, gauges and warning lights work, including engine, emissions, ABS and EBS
- ☐ **4. Steering:** moves properly, power assistance works, no excessive play, does not jam, no lift or movement in the column
- ☐ **5. Horn:** works and is reachable from the seat
- ☐ **6. Brakes and air:** air builds up and the warning works; no leaks; footwell clear; service brake works tractor and trailer brakes; parking brake works; pedal has no excessive side play and complete anti-slip tread
- ☐ **7. Height marker:** correct height displayed in the cab (changes with fifth wheel and load)
- ☐ **8. Seatbelts:** no cuts or fraying, latch secure, retract properly
- ☐ **9. Cab, doors and steps:** cab mountings and tilt devices secure; panels secure; doors work and close; steps secure

Outside the vehicle

- ☐ **10. Lights and indicators:** all work; lenses fitted, clean, right colour; stop lamps on with the brake and off when released; marker lights fitted and working
- ☐ **11. Fuel and oil:** filler cap fitted correctly; engine running, no fuel or oil leaks underneath
- ☐ **12. Body and wings:** fastening devices work; cab and trailer doors secure when closed; panels secure; landing legs secure; sideguards and rear under-run guards fitted where required and undamaged
- ☐ **13. Battery:** secure, good condition, not leaking
- ☐ **14. AdBlue:** enough diesel exhaust fluid, topped up if needed
- ☐ **15. Exhaust:** no excessive smoke
- ☐ **16. High voltage cut-off:** you know where it is; it works; high voltage components secure and undamaged
- ☐ **17. Alternative fuel systems:** isolation switch known; no leaks; visible parts in good condition
- ☐ **18. Spray suppression:** flaps fitted where required, secure, undamaged, not clogged
- ☐ **19. Tyres and wheels:** secure; tread at least 1 mm; correctly inflated; no deep sidewall cuts; no cord visible; wheel nuts tight (indicators not moved); nothing trapped between twin wheels
- ☐ **20. Brake lines and trailer parking brake:** couplings clean and in the right place; no leaks; no damage or wear to the lines; trailer parking brake works
- ☐ **21. Electrical connections:** visible wiring insulated and not likely to get caught; trailer couplings connected securely; switches work
- ☐ **22. Coupling security:** trailer located correctly in the fifth wheel or coupling; secondary locking devices in the correct position
- ☐ **23. Load security:** load does not move and is not likely to; right securing system for the load; if in doubt, have it assessed or resecured
- ☐ **24. Number plate:** not broken, incomplete, incorrect or badly spaced, dirty, faded or covered
- ☐ **25. Reflectors:** including side reflectors: none missing, broken, insecure, wrongly fitted, wrong colour or obscured
- ☐ **26. Markings and warning plates:** conspicuity markings right colour, visible, secure, clean; dangerous goods hazard panels correct for the load, visible, secure, clean
- ☐ **27. Other equipment:** loading or specialised equipment specific to the vehicle

Defects found (or write "nil"):

Assessment _____ Reported to _____ Signature _____

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