

## Electronic Toll Collection System on Certain Roads of the Republic of Belarus

### **New electronic toll collection system will be launched in Belarus on July 1, 2013**

The electronic toll collection system registered under the trademark of BelToll will be put into operation in Belarus on July 1, 2013. It will replace manual toll systems and toll gates interfering with continuous traffic flow.

The system is based on DSRC, the technology of special purpose wire-free communication for short distances well-proven worldwide. 5.8 GHz band is used for data communication.

The electronic toll system will be primarily in operation at the main national highway – M1/E30 Highway (Brest – Minsk – the border of the Russian Federation) as well as at some sections of other roads, including the road to Minsk-2 National Airport.

As part of Phase 2 of the Project, the equipment for the electronic system will be installed along the entire length of Minsk-Mogilev (M4) and Minsk-Gomel (M5) highways.

The list of toll roads scheduled for commissioning on July 1, 2013:

| Road Identification  | Road Sections, km |     | Toll Road Section, km |
|--|-------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| M1/E30 Brest (Kozlovichi) – Minsk – the border of the Russian Federation (Redki) | -                 | 609 | 609                   |
| M2 Minsk – Minsk National Airport  | 15                | 42  | 27                    |
| M3 Minsk – Vitebsk   | 9                 | 41  | 32                    |
| M4 Minsk – Mogilev   | 16                | 74  | 58                    |
| M5/E271 Minsk – Gomel  | 21                | 65  | 44                    |
| M6/E28 Minsk – Grodno – the border of the republic of Poland (Bruzgi)            | 12                | 57  | 45                    |

On completion of Phase 1 BelToll System will cover 815 km of national highways.

Special toll stations equipped with transmit-receive devices which ensure data exchange with onboard units installed on vehicle windscreens will be located over the road base. The technology in use ensures automatic toll collection whenever a vehicle passes under the toll stations without having to reduce the speed, stop or choose a certain lane.

To pay toll charges drivers will have to register in the system at [www.beltoll.by](http://www.beltoll.by) website at the Customer Service Point and having paid the required deposit (its amount will be determined by the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus) to receive a special onboard unit appropriate for the type of the vehicle.

The onboard units designed to be used exclusively in the electronic toll collection system in the Republic of Belarus are supplied ready-for-use and require only final personalization.

Customer Service Points will be located in all regional centers, at fuel stations along the highways and near border crossings. All Service Points will be clearly marked and their location will be indicated by the road signs installed along the toll roads.

Payments for using the BelToll motor roads can be made in BYR at the official EUR exchange rates specified by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus as of the payment date as follows:

- Cash payments in BYR .
- Payments by fuel cards issued by Berlio, Belarusneft, E100, PEC Belavtostrada and others.

The amount of toll payment will depend on the vehicle's gross weight and number of its axles.

In compliance with Resolution No. 68 of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus the following rates to calculate the amount of payments for using the toll motor roads are determined depending on the permissible gross weight of the vehicle and number of its axles:

- Motor-cars – 0.04 EUR/km;
- Commercial vehicles/buses with the technical permissible maximum gross weight under 3.5 tons and 2 axles – 0.08 EUR/km;
- Commercial vehicles/buses with the technical permissible maximum gross weight over 3.5 tons and 3 axles – 0.10 EUR/km;
- Commercial vehicles/buses with the technical permissible maximum gross weight over 3.5 tons and 4 and more axles – 0.12 EUR/km.

The use of the system **will be obligatory** for the drivers of the following vehicles:

- Motor-cars registered outside the Customs Union (passenger cars and minibuses) with the technical permissible gross weight under 3.5 tons;
- Other vehicles (trucks, buses and motor homes) with the technical permissible gross weight over 3.5 tons.

**The roads will be toll-free for the drivers of the vehicles with the technical permissible gross weight under 3.5 tons registered within the Customs Union (Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan).**

The following vehicles are also **exempted** from toll payments:

- motorbikes and motorcycles;
- wheeled tractors and self-propelled vehicles;
- vehicles of operational designation;
- vehicles providing defense capacity and law enforcement;
- route vehicles providing passenger transportation in the city;
- vehicles providing the delivery of health care, emergency response actions or freight of humanitarian supplies.

Users registered in the system can log in to their personal accounts at [www.beltoll.by](http://www.beltoll.by) and check the state of their account and amount of payments due for the certain section of a

toll road.

The website will also provide a payment calculator enabling drivers to calculate the amount of toll payments by themselves. After the data on the route stating the start and end points, information on the vehicle class and number of axles has been entered, the payment calculator will suggest the shortest route and expected amount of toll payment for the selected section of the toll road.

The deposit paid for the onboard unit will be repaid after the undamaged unit has been returned at any service station.

In addition, the information on the BelToll System operation, vehicles under obligation to make toll payments, current rates and installation of the onboard unit can be promptly received by calling the information line at +375 (172) 798 798 24 hours/7 days. The call center operators will answer any questions of the toll road network users in Russian, Belorussian, English and Polish.