## A Guide to Haulage & Courier Vehicle Types & Weights

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*If the driving axles, if it is not a steering axle, has twin tyres and road friendly suspension, or each driving axle is fitted with twin tyres and the maximum weight for each axle does not exceed 9500kg.

** Distance between the rear axle of the motor vehicle and the front axle of the trailer is not less than three metres.

*** If the trailer is being used for combined transport.

(a) 5 axles or more artic and the five axles or more draw bar could alternatively have 3 axle motor vehicle and a 2 axle trailer.

(b) Conditions:
- each vehicle must have at least 3 axles.
- drive axle has twin tyre and road friendly suspension and maximum of 10.5 tonnes, or each driving axle is fitted with twin tyres and has a maximum of 8.5 tonnes
- trailer has road friendly suspension.

(c) Conditions for operation on 5 axles:
- must have 3 axles on tractor unit
- single container 40 foot in length
- conforming to standards laid down by ISO (The International Standards organisation)
- vehicle being used for international journey