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Dear Toni Schonfelder,
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Thank you for contacting Transport for London (TfL), on 31 July 2007, regarding the London Low Emission Zone.

The London Low Emission Zone aims to reduce air pollution in line with European Union air quality objectives by discouraging the most polluting vehicles from driving within Greater London. These are generally older, diesel-engine vehicles, buses, coaches, heavier vans and minibuses.

Both GB-registered and non-GB registered vehicles will need to meet the required emissions standards for the London Low Emission Zone. If vehicles do not meet the emissions standards, operators will need to consider modifying or upgrading their vehicles or paying the daily charge in the same way that GB operators do.

If their vehicles do comply with the emissions standards, they need to register the vehicle with TfL in advance, before using it in the Zone. This also applies to vehicles registered in Northern Ireland.

All affected non-GB registered vehicles that do not meet the London Low Emission Zone emissions standards or qualify for an exemption or 100% discount are subject to the daily charge to travel in the zone.

If a vehicle is identified as not meeting the emissions standards, and the required daily charge has not been paid for the date of travel within the Zone, then a penalty charge may be issued to the registered keeper of the vehicle who is liable for the payment of the penalty. Transport for London (TfL) has arrangements in place with an experienced European-wide debt recovery agency to recover penalties incurred by vehicles registered outside of Great Britain. This agency has a good level of success and it is envisaged that these procedures will be used for enforcement of the London Low Emission Zone.

The London Low Emission Zone does not breach Human Rights legislation; the Mayor has a legal obligation to improve air quality in London in line with National and European standards.

Information about the London Low Emission Zone is available in a range of languages on the website and registration forms will be available to download from our website. The 'Overview' area of our website can be converted into a range of languages by selecting the language of your choice from the drop-down menu on the right of the page. At the bottom of the page, there is a link to the information booklet in the language that you chose initially.

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If you have any questions regarding the scheme you may find it useful to visit our website. Just log on to www.tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon or telephone the London Low Emission Zone Contact Centre on 0845 607 0009, textphone 0207 310 8999, where a member of staff will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for contacting Transport for London.

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Yours sincerely

London Low Emission Zone

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