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Driving Licence recognition

Dear Ben,

I am writing to confirm our intention to continue existing arrangements for mutual recognition and exchange of driving licences.

Firstly, may I express my gratitude to you and your officials for your commitment to establishing mutual arrangements on this important matter. This will be a significant benefit to motorists from each of our countries when visiting or residing in the other, minimising the bureaucratic requirements with which they are faced.

Norway welcomes the steps UK have taken to ensure that visiting Norwegian motorists' photocard driving licences will continue to be recognised without the need for an International Driving Permit from 1 January 2021.

In addition, we welcome that Norwegian motorists residing in UK will be able to exchange their licence for a UK licence, without a requirement to take an additional test. Norway also appreciates UK willingness to recognise 'blue badges' issued to motorists with a disability.

I confirm by this letter that Norway will act in good faith, recognising the photocard licenses of visiting motorists from your country and recognising their 'blue badges'. On the matter of exchange, UK motorists residing in Norway will continue to be able to exchange their licences without the need for a retest.

We understand the UK's access to EUCARIS – a data platform which provides countries with the ability to share car and driving licence registration information - is being considered by the EU Commission and discussions are ongoing. In the meantime, where the application for exchange is made by the holder of a Norwegian driving licence, The Norwegian Public Roads Administration will have to be contacted.

Norway will continue to return exchanged licences to the issuing authority and trusts that you will do the same.

Thank you again for your co-operation on this important matter

Yours sincerely

Anders Buttedahl
Director General

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