

**Press Release**

## **Getting prepared for diesel driving bans: trans-o-flex orders 240 new special vehicles**

- *Transporters, trucks and trailers with a value of more than € 10 million will be delivered this year. The first vehicles arrive in March.*
- *Focus on pharmaceutical transports with active temperature control: all vehicles certified according to pharmaceutical standard.*

**Weinheim, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019.** The trans-o-flex logistics group has ordered 240 new transporters, trucks and trailers, all of which will be delivered and commissioned this year. The first vehicles will arrive in March. “On the one hand, we are investing in our vehicle fleet in order to modernise it and to provide the capacity for further shipment growth”, says Wolfgang P. Albeck, CEO of the provider of industry-specific logistic services with its focus on the pharmaceutical industry. “On the other hand, this order also helps us get prepared for an extension of the diesel driving bans.” This is why the company exclusively ordered diesel engines that meet the latest emission standards and will, therefore, not be affected by driving bans as things stand at present. “We would like to use electric vehicles”, adds Albeck. “However, our tests last year showed that, especially for the temperature-controlled vehicles we need, the limited range makes the practical use unfeasible and uneconomical at the moment.” Nevertheless, Albeck has set the goal for this year: the first deliveries using electric vehicles will be made in the fourth quarter. The delivery vehicles concerned will presumably be without active temperature control of the loading space.

The ordered vehicles are exclusively thermo-vehicles with a special body. In detail, there are 150 transporters (3.5-ton transporters from Mercedes-Benz) and 35 trucks (14-ton trucks and 5-ton trucks from Iveco). These are two-chamber vehicles in which the goods can be transported in two temperature ranges (2 to 8 °C and 15 to 25 °C). In addition to this, 55 thermo trailers will be procured for regular traffic (single-chamber system). All vehicles have been certified to pharmaceutical standards and can therefore be used immediately for the transport of

pharmaceuticals. According to Albeck, the total purchase costs amount to “considerably more than € 10 million”.



**Picture:** The first of the 240 new transporters, trucks and trailers will be delivered in March.

**About trans-o-flex:**

The trans-o-flex Group's core competence focuses on the provision of logistic solutions for the pharmaceutical, cosmetics and consumer electronics industries as well on the transportation of other high-quality, sensitive goods. For the transportation of pharmaceutical products, trans-o-flex has built a nationwide network that includes active temperature control and full documentation. To this end, the company, in its Pharma Logistics business area, has installed transport systems that are suitable for the transportation of pharmaceutical products in the temperature ranges of between 15 and 25 °C and between 2 and 8 °C in compliance with the EU directives for the transportation of pharmaceutical products. In its Technology Logistics business area, trans-o-flex organises transports for customers from other industries, mainly consumer electronics. These customers also benefit from the high standards with respect to safety, hygiene, reliability and transparency which trans-o-flex has established for the pharmaceutical industry. In its Contract Logistics business area, trans-o-flex bundles services from storage and picking & packing up to individual value-added services. At an international level, trans-o-flex focuses on the implementation of logistic concepts via the networks EUROTEMP (temperature-controlled logistics) and EURODIS (in 36 European countries). Both nationally and internationally, trans-o-flex, in contrast to 100-% parcel services or forwarding agencies, delivers both goods in parcels and on pallets and also offers special services, such as the transportation of hazardous goods (without being limited to small quantities), express and time-window deliveries, shipment consolidation as well as direct deliveries. Thus, the company covers the entire logistic chain from procurement and warehousing to distribution and fulfilment. In 2018, annual sales of the trans-o-flex Group, which has a workforce of approximately 2,050 employees, amounted to ca. € 468 million. For more information, go to [www.trans-o-flex.com](http://www.trans-o-flex.com).

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