

How to correctly enter Begin country /End country into tachograph

Because of multiple questions regarding infringements about „Begin/End drive without entered country“ we would like to inform all our partners and drivers of how the case is being evaluated and what is needed from the driver to enter to tachograph at the beginning and end of the shift .

Entering "Begin or End country" is no news. Regulation 165/2014 in Article 34 paragraph 7 strictly requires, that the driver is obliged before his shift starts to enter departure country and the end of the shift enter country of arrival.

The beginning of the shift is considered a ride or another job (hammer sign). **This means that inserting a card is not the beginning of the shift.** It is therefore pointless for the driver to enter the begin country when there is symbol of Rest displayed on tachograph (bed sign). So how to correctly enter Begin country? Insert the card into the tachograph and enter an addendum (if necessary). Then switch the tachograph to Another Job (Hammer sign), go to the tachograph menu and enter the Begin country. However, after entering the country, the ride must start within 15 minutes. Otherwise, the Begin country is invalid. Also, please note that if Begin country is entered (Hammer sign), it is not allowed to switch to the Rest (bed sign).

Similarly, this applies even if the driver had a Rest in the vehicle and the card has been inserted overnight in the tachograph. At the end of the Rest, if the driver wants to drive, switch the tachograph to another job, enter the Begin country and then start driving (within 15 minutes).

The End country has two different situations. The first situation is when the driver reaches the target country and starts to take a daily (weekly ..) Rest. **The End country must be entered within 15 minutes after the tachograph is being switched to Rest mode** (bed sign) and if a card has to be removed from the tachograph. The second situation is when the driver crossed the border to the neighboring state, but stopped to take a Rest. Even then he must enter End country, again within 15 minutes.

The picture below shows incorrectly entered Begin/End country on several days, example is 26.6.2017. The driver entered Begin country at 3:53 while he was still resting. The Shift started at 4:13, which is more than 15 minutes. During the days, when the card had not been removed from tachograph and End country had not been entered at all, tachograph automatically recorded values by itself at midnight. But this is a mistake, the End country should have been entered within 15 minutes after taking Rest.

