Dear valued Customers,

As you might have recently read in the media or trade press, a reform of the toll for German highways and federal roads has been decided by the government to take effect on December 1, 2023. Essentially, this reform is about linking the toll to the level of CO2 emissions to expedite the transition to more environmentally friendly propulsion systems. A CO2 component was added to the toll.

A brief review and outlook:

- As of January 1, 2023, the toll was already increased based on the updated road cost assessment, which is reviewed every five years.
- The above mentioned reform will come into effect on December 1, 2023, and will significantly increase the toll rates.
- As of January 1, 2024, the existing toll exemption for natural gas-powered vehicles is expected to no longer apply.
- As of July 1, 2024, the toll is expected to be mandatory for all vehicles over 3.5 tons, whereas currently, the toll is only applicable to vehicles over 7.5 tons.

As a result of these legislative changes, there will be an increase in the existing pre- and on carriage conditions as follows:

| Full Container Load (FCL) shipments: | 5.9 percent for combined transport  
| | 10.1 percent for all truck transport  
| Less than Container Load (LCL) shipments: | 8.4 percent for all truck transport  
| Airfreight shipments: | 9.0 percent or minimum 0.02 EUR/kg on chargeable weight for all truck transport  

We kindly request you to take these mentioned increases into account in your planning from December 1, 2023, onwards. Thank you for your understanding.

For any further questions, your local customer service representative is at your disposal.

Best regards,

Your DHL Global Forwarding Air- and Ocean Freight-Team