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## Stoneridge Receives Smart Tachograph Type Approval

**STOCKHOLM, Sweden** — Apr. 18, 2019 — Stoneridge, Inc., is pleased to announce the launch of its new SE5000 Connekt smart tachograph. The tachograph received Type Approval on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019, and the first new Stoneridge smart tachographs have started coming off the production line in preparation for supply to OEM customers this month.

While supply of the 1C smart tachograph is crucial to helping the market prepare for the Annex 1C introduction, 1B tachographs are still needed for supply to AETR markets and the Aftermarket where 1C fitment is not obligatory. Stoneridge is continuing to produce its 1B SE5000 Exakt Duo<sup>2</sup> tachograph in parallel to the 1C SE5000 Connekt, with separate production lines, to ensure maximum service to customers.

This Type Approval effectively positions Stoneridge to meet the needs of the market when the new Annex 1C smart tachograph legislation comes into effect on 15<sup>th</sup> June this year. The new legislation is designed to reduce fraud through tachograph manipulation, improve the efficiency of the control of the system and reduce the administrative burden on fleets. With the announcement of the Type Approval, Stoneridge is ready to ensure fleets and drivers are compliant with the new law, when fitting their SE5000 Connekt smart tachograph.

Marianne Frogner, Vice President Tachograph Systems at Stoneridge, commented:

“We’re excited to have received Type Approval for our SE5000 Connekt smart tachograph. This is the culmination of years of hard work to bring to the market a tachograph that’s not just in line with this new legislation, but also designed around the needs of the customer through its user-friendly interface and enhanced usability.”

### Advanced Features

The new tachograph will not only help fleets and drivers comply with Drivers Hours’ Legislation and Working Time Directive, but it also includes a host of advanced features. A Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) module that records the vehicle’s location at the start and the end of a journey, updates occur every three hours, and Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), allows remote communication with roadside inspection officers, without stopping the vehicle. The DSRC will allow certain data on possible infringements to be sent remotely to officers, allowing compliant drivers to continue their journey uninterrupted, saving time and resources.

## **Preparing for the New Tachograph**

Transport Operators will not see too many differences in the day-to-day operation of the new tachograph versus the current 1B version, although they will have to ensure their download tools are up-to-date in order to receive the new data set, including GNSS data.

Driver cards are also being replaced with a new 1C version although this is a phased activity, with current cards being replaced with the new version when they are due for renewal. The new card will work in all tachographs, including current models, whilst the current cards will also work in smart tachographs but will only record the driving set that applies to the current 1B legislation.

Tachograph workshops will also need to prepare for the new legislation, ensuring their workshop tools are up to date to account for the new smart tachograph features, including the correct testing procedure for the GNSS feature, as well as testing the DSRC module.

“The new legislation is the biggest change seen in the tachograph arena for a number of years,” adds Frogner. “Stoneridge assures fleets, drivers and workshops that this change doesn’t have to be daunting. We are on hand to help and advise customers through this change.”

For more information on the Annex 1C introduction and the impact on fleets, drivers and workshops, visit [www.SE5000.com](http://www.SE5000.com).

### **About Stoneridge, Inc.**

Stoneridge, Inc., is a global designer and manufacturer of highly engineered electrical and electronic mobility solutions. Stoneridge provides OEM and aftermarket components and systems that are focused on safety and security, emissions, efficiency and intelligence for the automotive, commercial vehicle, motorcycle, agricultural and off-highway vehicle markets. Learn more at [Stoneridge.com](http://Stoneridge.com).

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