Environmental zone Stuttgart

Since 1st March 2008 there is an environmental zone in Stuttgart which requires a valid badge.

Therefore the environmental zone is labelled with appropriate traffic signs which points out, that only vehicles with a valid badge are allowed to pass this zone. This zone included the whole municipal area including the 23 districts.

The following are exceptions:
- Autobahn (motor way)
- In S-Zuffenhausen/-Stammheim the connection B10/B27 and B27a
- In S-Obertürkheim the connection in the Stegwiesen – Hafenbahnstraße – B10
- In S-Plieningen the connection B312 – Scharnhausen over Mittlere Filderlinie – Neuhauser Straße as well as the parallel to the Autobahn running access to the Messe (trade fair area)

According to your emission – key number in your car documents you can identify what emission category (1-4) your vehicle belongs to. The ban of driving in Stuttgart occurs to all vehicles which belong to the emission category 1. According to the “Keep the air clea / action plan” of the regional council Stuttgart all vehicles who are included into the emission categories 2 – 4 are exempt from the ban of driving in the environmental zone.

The emission badge can be purchased at the city of Stuttgart for a fee of 6 Euro. This can be done directly online or alternatively personally at the motor vehicle registration office and registry offices. In addition private organisation and garages are also offering those badges. The prices can vary from 5 to 10 Euros. Once purchased, the badge will be valid in all environmental zones in the whole of Germany.

Also, tourist from both home and abroad require a badge. The easiest way to purchase a badge is the internet. The ADAC (AA Europe – Automobile Associate Europe) also provides a range of information at www.adac.de/umweltzonen. Please be aware that there will be a delivery time of two to three weeks! On shortly planed journeys, the foreign vehicle owner should contact the purchasing options directly in Germany. In the case the vehicle can not be classified via the documents then the date of the registration date will be used for categorizing. Therefore all gasoline engines which are registered after the 1 January 1993 will receive a badge. Diesel engines without particle filter have to be registered after the 31 December 1996.

The same applies to caravans as well as coaches. Great car rental as Avis, Europcar and Sixt announced that all their cars are provided with the appropriate badge.

According to the ministry of environment, vehicles and drives without valid badge in the environmental zone will inflict a penalty of 40 Euro as well as one point at the driving licence record Flensburg.

Additional information can be found at www.stuttgart.de - keyword: Emission badge.