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Dear Mr. Kroll,

I understand you approached the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment last year to find out which government body should be contacted to obtain approval for an electronic parking disc developed by the Danish company Needit.

Let me start by offering you my sincere apologies for this late reply to your questions.

While you understandably approached the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, I must inform you that the central government in the Netherlands does not hold approval authority for parking discs, because we opted for a regulatory model that substantively defines what is allowed.

The following provisions of the Dutch regulatory regime are relevant to the use of the non-Dutch parking disc model:

Article 2 of the Parking Discs Decree:

A parking disc that meets the requirements for use in another member state of the European Union, or in a state that is not a member state of the European Union but is party to a customs union convention, or in a state that is party to a free trade area convention that binds the Netherlands, shall be deemed equivalent to a parking disc within the meaning of this Decree.

Article 25 (3) of the Road Traffic Signs and Regulations in the Netherlands:

The parking permit indicates the time that parking began. A parking permit equipped with a mechanism that automatically sets or shifts the arrival time cannot be used.

This means that if the Needit system is legally valid in Denmark, it is also allowed in the Netherlands under EU arrangements, provided that the provisions of Article 25 of the Road Traffic Signs and Regulations have been met.



An amendment to the Road Traffic Signs and Regulations currently being prepared defines the parking disc requirements in far more general terms.

I hope this answer is of sufficient help to you.

Yours sincerely,

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