

Legal regulations for bicycle trailers/trailers

This is what the highway code in Belgium says. In most European countries, this is similar.

See also wegcode.be

1. Maximum mass

A trailer pulled by a bicycle may weigh a maximum of 80 kg, including load and passengers.

If the trailer weighs more than 80 kg, it must be equipped with a braking system that activates automatically when the cyclist brakes.

2. Width and length (dimensions)

- o The width of a trailer pulled by a bicycle, including protruding parts, may not exceed 1 metre.
- o In certain pilot projects, wide bicycle trailers may be between 1.00 metre and 1.20 metre wide, under specific conditions.
- o The length (including load) of the trailer may not exceed 2.50 metres.

3. Other equipment and safety

- o The trailer must have two red reflectors at the rear.
- o The trailer must be able to transport the load safely, with seats that protect the hands, feet and back of any passengers (e.g. small children).
- o The width of the bicycle itself (loaded), with trailer, must comply with the same limits.

4. Number of trailers

- o You may only ride with one trailer behind your bicycle.

5. Specific pilot projects

- o There are pilot projects (mainly in Flanders) in which companies are allowed to drive with wide bicycle trailers (up to a maximum of 1.20 m) provided that certain additional safety and technical conditions are met, such as a braking system that works automatically with the bicycle's brakes.