



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your request dated 30 June 2007 and our subsequent acknowledgement of 2 July in respect of your request for information.

The questions you raised were as shown below:

1. I understand that, at the present time, something like one-third of all the commercial trucks that you inspect at this location, as found to be in non compliance to the extent that your traffic examiners find good reason to restrain the vehicles pending rectification.

Please could you give me any firm statistics that might support this. If there is any analysis by country of registration this would be a great help.

2. Also could you tell me if VOSPA has been consulted in respect of Welsh Assembly Government safety assessments or operational concerns for HGV users of the A494/A55 roads close to this site.

For ease of understanding I have responded to these matters in order.

A check has been made of the information held by the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency - VOSA and I can confirm the following:

1. During the financial year 2005/2006 VOSA conducted checks at this site and found that of 887 vehicles checked 140 were found to be overloaded and 108 drivers hours prohibitions were issued. It is possible that these overloads or prohibitions may have been issued to the same vehicle/driver combination.

Also during this period 280 vehicles were checked for mechanical roadworthiness, of these 83 were issued with prohibition notices.

VOSA holds no separate record in respect of these vehicles and it is possible that some of these vehicles may also have been subject to the earlier mentioned prohibitions for weight and drivers hours.

During the financial year 2006/2007 VOSA conducted checks at this site and found that of 769 vehicles checked 126 were found to be overloaded and 200 drivers hours prohibitions were issued. As before, it is possible that these overloads or prohibitions may have been issued to the same vehicle/driver combination.

Again, during this period, 602 checks were checked for mechanical roadworthiness, of these 133 were issued with prohibition notices.

In respect of nationality of vehicles checked I have asked if this information is held, and if so, is it possible for this information to be extracted. I will let you know if it is possible and if it can be done so within the cost threshold in due course. VOSA has answered all other points where information is held so that your response is not delayed unreasonably.

2. VOSA has not been consulted in respect of Welsh Assembly Government safety assessments or operational concerns for HGV users of the A494/A55 roads close to this site.

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you may ask for an internal review. To request an internal review, please write to:

VOSA Corporate Office,
Berkeley House,
Croydon Street,
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or email vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk

giving the reasons for your dissatisfaction. It will help us if you quote the reference number for your case.

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Commissioner would be unlikely to consider your complaint if you have not first requested an internal review.

You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
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SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number F0000838 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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