



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your request for information dated 28 May 2008, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested the following information:

Would you please explain why VOSA, over the time period 2003-04 to 2007-08, has reduced the number of UK HGVs check weighing from just over 41K to just over 15K i.e. a reduction of over 60%.

In response to your request I can confirm the following:

Over the past few years VOSA has developed its intelligence and targeting capability. Although the number of UK HGVs weighed declined from 41,000 to 15,000 between 2003-04 and 2007-08 the number of such vehicles issued with prohibition notices for overloading increased from 3,067 to 4,348 over the same period. VOSA took substantially more overloaded HGVs off of the road last year compared with 4 years earlier while at the same time disrupting far fewer journeys made by law-abiding operators.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number **F0001293** in any future communications.

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,
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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.

If you do not agree with the outcome of the internal review, you may lodge an appeal with the Information Commissioner (www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). The Information Commissioner is an independent official appointed by the Crown to oversee the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

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You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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