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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your e-mail of 29th July 2008 concerning "on-the-spot" fines.

I have spoken to my colleagues who work in this area and have found the following:-

Methods of payment - Credit Card, Debit Card or cash (sterling only)

Taking a financial penalty deposit on the spot does not preclude the recipient from seeking to have the case heard in a court. The deposit payment will be kept in abeyance whilst the case goes to court, and then the court could make a refund (plus interest) if the defendant is found not guilty.

The regulations are currently in draft form, and the penalty levels are available in the Department for Transport Graduated Fixed Penalty and Deposit Consultation which can be found on the DfT website by clicking on the following link.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/graduatedfixedpenalties/gradfixedpenmain>

It is anticipated that these new powers will come into force in spring 2009.

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,
Bristol,
BS5 0DA

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.

The Information Commissioner can consider complaints about any aspect of the way in which requests for information have been handled. Please note: the Information 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,
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0001391**.

Yours sincerely

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