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I am writing in reply to your request for information on VOSA's Powers to Stop.

Under section 67(3) of the Road Traffic Act there is a requirement to stop at the direction of a police constable in uniform. Section 67(9) makes it an offence not to do so.

The Police Reform Act 2002 allows police forces to accredit other persons or organisations to stop vehicles - schedule 5, paragraph 8 gives the accredited person the same powers as a police constable in this respect. Currently thirty nine police forces across the country have accredited VOSA with powers to stop vehicles.

VOSA will be using these powers to promote road safety, by ensuring that vehicles are in a roadworthy condition; to protect the environment by checking exhaust emissions; and to prohibit vehicles with excessively tinted windscreens and side windows in the interests of safety.

Further details are on our website, [www.vosa.gov.uk](http://www.vosa.gov.uk) - I attach links to the relevant pages.

<http://www.vosa.gov.uk/vosa/cargvowners/vosaroadsidechecks/vosanowhavethepowertostopmotorists.htm>

<http://www.vosa.gov.uk/vosa/cargvowners/vosaroadsidechecks/powerstostopfaq.htm>

If you have any queries about this email, please contact me. Please quote reference number \*\*\*\*\* in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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