



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your e-mail of 9th and my acknowledgement of 12th May 2008 concerning prosecutions taken and prohibitions issued by the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA against Irish haulage companies and their drivers for the last five years.

I have consulted with my colleagues with regards to the points you have raised, and can inform you that VOSA does not prosecute foreign operators, and very rarely foreign drivers. I can confirm that in the required period we have been able to positively identify four cases where Irish drivers have been prosecuted for a total of seven offences for Drivers Hours, and two cases where Irish drivers have been prosecuted for a total of four offences concerning Tachographs and Records.

The following table gives details of the number of prohibitions issued to Irish vehicles over the last five years.

Year	Examination incl. Weigh	Drivers Hours Prohibitions	Prohibition Rate	Weigh	Overloading Prohibitions	Prohibition Rate
03/04	3,139	875	27.9%	1,660	225	13.6%
04/05	4,207	1,343	31.9%	2,427	446	18.4%
05/06	4,316	1,578	36.6%	2,027	518	25.6%
06/07	5,716	2,081	36.4%	2,327	752	32.3%
07/08	6,332	2,310	36.5%	2,636	939	35.6%

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Berkeley House,
Croydon Street,
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Yours sincerely

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