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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your correspondence dated 26 August 2009 requesting information and the subsequent acknowledgement.

You asked for the following information for the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09 and the first three months of 2009-10 covering information related to Wales.

1. How many roadworthy checks have been carried out on heavy goods vehicles and buses (please breakdown numbers between heavy goods and buses) and how many involved foreign-owned lorries?
2. How many mechanical prohibitions were issued and how many involved foreign-owned lorries (please breakdown numbers between heavy goods vehicles and buses)?
3. How many drivers' hours prohibitions were made and how many involved foreign-owned lorries (please breakdown numbers between drivers of heavy goods vehicles and buses)?
4. How many vehicles were overloaded and how many involved foreign-owned lorries?
5. How many vehicles were ordered off the road and how many involved foreign-owned lorries?
6. How many prosecutions for the above in 2007-08 and 2008-09 and the first three months of 2009-10?

In response to your request, questions 1 to 4, please find attached a spreadsheet showing details on the number of encounters and prohibitions for Wales between April 2007 and June 2009.

Unfortunately we cannot break down the data by local authority as our data is not recorded that way.

Also in relation to the number of vehicles taken off the road, this is the same as the number prohibited.

For classification, under nationality Non UK relates to all nationalities that are not Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Great Britain and Northern Ireland are recorded as UK vehicles.

In response to question 6, please see below:

- Area's 9 and 29 (the areas covering Wales) prosecuted 268 defendants, 450 offences in 07-08.
- Area's 9 and 29 prosecuted 355 defendants, 758 offences in 08-09. The investigation team prosecuted 26 defendants, 174 offences in 07-08.
- Area's 9 and 29 prosecuted 88 defendants, 147 offences in April - June 09.

Totalling 737 defendants, 1529 offences.

Unfortunately we cannot break this information down into operator nationality. However, we cannot prosecute operators that are non UK.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0002100**.

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

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

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You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours sincerely

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