



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Our Ref: **F0002954**

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your letter of 20th October 2010, specifically to the paragraph at the end of the letter, in which you requested information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) holds annual statistics for vehicle encounters. They are not recorded on a weekly basis. I have therefore enclosed a list of vehicle encounters by country of origin, and the results of these encounters for the period 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010.

You also asked for information relating to the number of these operators which have been prosecuted by VOSA. We do not have the authority to prosecute foreign drivers, so the answer to this is none. However, and for your information, VOSA prosecuted 32 operators from Northern Ireland for a total of 89 offences. These can be broken down as follows:-

- 60 - hours and records (Tachograph) offences
- 14 - overweight (Construction and Use) offences
- 3 - no test certificate offences
- 1 - speed limiter offence
- 5 - roadworthiness (Construction and Use) offences
- 3 - driving licence offences
- 1 - operator licence offence
- 2 - excess length (Construction and Use) offences

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0002954**.

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,
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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.

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
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Wilmslow,
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Yours sincerely

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