



FREIGHT TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

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# Vehicle Operations

- Recent Legislation Changes
- Digital Tachographs
- Safe Operation of Vehicles
- H & S Risk Assessment
- Other issues



## Recent Legislation Changes

- New E U Hours rules (11/04/2007)
- Driving break cannot be broken into 3 parts
- Must have full 45 hrs weekly rest every other week
- Can reduce weekly rest to 24 hrs at base
- No need to compensate for reduced daily rest
- New rules on double manning and ferry operations



# Recent Legislation Changes

## Speed Limiters

Vehicles over 3.5 tonnes fitted with Euro III engines and registered between Oct 2001- Dec 2004 must be speed limited by 01/01/2007.

Those registered after 01/01/05 must be limited by 01/01/08.

Limits must be set to 90 kph (56mph)

When subject to above rules will be banned from outside lane of motorway



## Recent legislation Changes

- Increased penalties for mobile phone use
- No smoking rules will apply in vehicles as well as premises
- VOSA powers to stop now cover England and Wales
- O licence vehicles now subject to OCRS
- Drivers of in scope 3.5 tonne vehicles now need ADR cert



# Digital Tachographs

- Compulsory in new vehicles from 01/05/2006
- Driver must use smart card
- Operator must lock in data using company card
- Data must be downloaded and kept for 12 months
- Lost, stolen or faulty cards must be reported to DVLA



# Digital Tachographs

- Records in UTC
- Downloading:
  - 3 months from vehicle unit
  - 21 days from drivers card
- No need to print out under normal circumstances
- Set unit to “out” for non tacho driving



# Safe operation of Vehicles

- Legislation is C & U reg 100
- “The load carried by a motor vehicle or trailer shall at all times be so secured, if necessary by physical restraint other than its own weight, and be in such a position, that neither danger nor nuisance is likely to be caused to any person or property by reason of the load or any part thereof falling or being blown from the vehicle or by reason of any other movement of the load or any part thereof in relation to the vehicle”



# Safe Operation of vehicles

- **Definitive Guidance**
- Code of Practice
- Safety of Loads on Vehicles – DfT
- Hard copy - £10 or Downloadable
- All loading and journeys subject to risk assessment



## Safe Operation

- There is no legal margin on overloading
- Gross weight & axle weights
- Positioning of load
- Front axle load =:
  - $P/\text{load} \times \text{Dist from load to rear axle}$
  - Wheelbase
- Re-position if diminishing load



# Risk Assessments

- Loading and unloading
- Reversing
- Working at height
- Manual handling
- Tail lift/crane operations
- Route planning – height & access issues
- Customers premises/Contractors vehicles
- Appropriate P.P.E



**Any Questions ?**