

€190,000 of fines issued after inspection finds 101/153 HGV drivers broke weekend rest rules

According to a local news service, Belgian police officers have issued €190,000 worth of fines after an inspection at a rest area found 101 of the 153 drivers had violated rules on weekend rest.



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Photo: Belgian Federal Highway Police

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ocus WTV, whose camera crew filmed yesterday's inspection and interviewed some of the drivers, writes that breaches of the rules on weekend rest in Flanders can see road transport firms fined up to €1,800 per violation.

The local news service adds that despite the rest area in Zeebrugge having a total capacity of 240 spaces, there are only 8 toilets on site. VRT.be, another Belgian news service, says that 239 vehicles were parked at the site yesterday and that the checks continued into the afternoon. Therefore, the figure of 101 violations stated



Footage shot during the inspection can be seen in the video embedded below.



The Focus WTV report states that the police who conducted the inspections were primarily focused on violations concerning working times and rest. In total, the police eventually issued around €190,000 worth of fines, which in most cases were sent to the road transport companies themselves.

The European Labour Authority also tweeted about the inspection, informing its followers that police from Belgium were accompanied by officers from Bulgaria.

One person was also arrested in connection with illegal employment, while three trucks were seized pending further investigation.

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 #EULabourAuthority facilitated a joint #inspection in #Belgium today at Zeebrugge, in cooperation with the Belgian National Authorities. Bulgarian control officers





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In addition to the 101 violations concerning weekly rest, there were 32 breaches of the new Mobility Package rule requiring trucks to return to base every 8 weeks. Moreover, there were 8 cases each of drivers' hours violations and tachograph fraud.

The police also looked for evidence of human trafficking, while customs officers checked vehicles for any use of red diesel. Back in December, a similar investigation led to the seizure of 11 trucks in connection with human trafficking.

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tachograph manipulations increasing

Around 6% of HGV drivers on the roads of Europe either violate rest times, manipulate or cheat with their tachographs, ROADPOL has found following the results of most recent inspection.



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ROADPOL's Truck&Bus Operation took place in 19 countries and was carried out in the first week of February.

According to figures, of the 210,365 trucks that were checked, 63,567 violations were found and the onward journey had to be prohibited until the proper condition of the vehicles or load had been restored on 221 occasions.

This means that officers detected some kind of offence in almost one third of the trucks that were inspected.

"The results show that freight traffic represents a major risk to road safety and that monitoring is still necessary," says ROADPOL OPG Secretary Henk Jansen of the Dutch National Police.

Most of the offences were found in the areas of speed, technical offences, legislation on driving and rest times, and tachograph settings:

7,119 lorry drivers broke the Europe-wide drivers' hours' regulations, meaning they drove their vehicle for longer than legally allowed without complying with the mandatory breaks;

tachographs were not properly managed on 5,520 occasions;

digital tachographs were manipulated 537 times.

"Manipulating the settings of the tachograph or even manipulating the devices themselves takes on larger forms every year. The reason for this type of fraud might be the sustained competitive pressure in this still-growing industry. The financial benefits for transporters may be significant, but the risks for road safety are more significant. Especially due to driver fatigue,



Other offences found during the roadside checks:

258 drivers drove under the influence of alcohol;
92 drivers drove under the influence of drugs;
serious technical defects were found in 2444 cases;
1,197 trucks under 12.5 tons and 1,470 trucks over 12.5 tons were overweight;
load securing was insufficient on 761 trucks.

The next ROADPOL Truck & Bus Operation is scheduled for 13th to 19th June 2022.

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