

**HIGHWAYS AGENCY LIGHTING AND MARKING CODE OF PRACTICE CONSULTATION**

The consultation, aimed at Abnormal Load Hauliers, Self Escort Companies, Road Safety Groups, Police and the general public gave an opportunity to present the background on work already done and to decide on specifics regarding abnormal load lighting and marking and to steer future change to the code of practice.

Details of the consultation were forwarded to members and we thank those who sent in their responses to the HTA for discussion.

Members of the HTA Committee held a telephone conference to go through the consultations relating to Self Escorting Vehicles and the HTA response was forwarded to the Highways Agency. A copy has recently been emailed to members for information.

The HA will draft a code of practice document based on responses received, which will then be agreed and endorsed by key stakeholder organisations in industry, the police and central government.



*Photo courtesy of Curtis Heavy Haulage*

*The last abnormal load to cross on the now finished Fleetwood Larne route by Stena  
43 mts long x 5 mts wide x 65 tonne, South Wales to Londonderry, NI.*



## ESTA NEWS ESTA AWARDS FOR TRANSPORT JOB OF THE YEAR AND DINNER

*Photo courtesy of ALE  
Transporting a 7,500 tonne deck  
using 320 lines of SPMT, Hartlepool*



Entries from UK Members needed please - keep the flag flying!

Information about the competition and the application forms for the awards of Job of the Year for Transport, Crane, Innovation & Development and Combined Techniques can be downloaded from <http://www.esta-eu.org/award-registration-and-entry-forms-2011>. The forms have also been emailed to all members. Please note that the closing date for entries is March 4th 2011.

Along with the entry forms, please also find attached the Registration & Booking form for attending the ESTA Dinner and Awards Party. The ESTA 2011 dinner and awards party ("ESTAs Users Night") will take place at the Hotel Okura in Amsterdam on Tuesday, June 7th 2011.

There is a table reserved at the awards dinner for the HTA and six of the places are free to members so please apply as soon as possible! If you would like a place reserved on the HTA table, please contact ESTA or Katharine Narici as soon as possible (closing date for reservations is 2nd May 2011)

The annual "ESTA Awards of Excellence" have over the years developed into being today's most prestigious European event for ESTA members, Affiliated Companies, Users as well as manufacturers, working in the Heavy Haulage, Transport, and Lifting Industry.

This year, ESTA celebrates it's 35th anniversary and all are invited to participate.

*Photo courtesy of Cadzow Heavy Haulage Ltd  
80 tonne ducting being moved at a power station*



*Courtesy of Ian Brooks*

## VOSA POWERS TO STOP

The Department of Transport (DfT) is proposing to make changes to VOSA officer's powers. Their powers will now extend to Scotland and to the Driver and Vehicle Agency in Northern Ireland. The changes mean that Officers will be permitted to stop a vehicle at the roadside to carry out routine checks of compliance of drivers hours, overloading, paperwork etc without first carrying out an assessment of the mechanical condition. The DfT are also proposing new offences of impersonating or obstructing an officer.

## MOTOR INSURANCE ENFORCEMENT

The DfT has issued a consultation on plans to use the DVLA vehicles register and the Motor Insurance Database to warn (and then penalise) vehicle keepers who fail to hold valid insurance. Legislation is already in place (Road Safety Act 2006) and implementation of the changes (fixed penalty of £100, immobilisation and eventually disposal) are planned for early 2011.



*Photo courtesy of HC Wilson Ltd  
Recent bad weather has seriously affected hauliers ability  
to keep moving, but we keep trying...  
Photo taken just off the M1 at Tibshelf, Derbyshire – in mid December*

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## CABOTAGE

The new rules on cabotage introduced across the EU from last May (see September 2010 issue of Heavy Talk) mean that a haulier visiting another member state with a bona fide international delivery is allowed to carry out up to three domestic jobs within seven days. In many cases the rules were not being adhered to and HTA (as well as the RHA and individual HTA members) raised concerns with VOSA.

It appears that VOSA had been cracking down on illegal cabotage operations in the UK and has issued 323 fixed penalties for breaches of the cabotage rules since the new legislation came into effect with non-compliant vehicles being directed out of the country.

A positive effect of the crackdown is that some foreign operators have applied for UK Operator Licences and some operators have expressed an interest in setting up business in the UK.

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## HTA NATIONAL ABNORMAL LOAD NOTIFICATION DIRECTORY

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## NEW MEMBERS:

The HTA is pleased to welcome the following new members:

**LION SHIPPING & CHARTERING SRL**, Constanta, Romania  
(Contact: Vieru Dragos; [www.ls-chartering.ro](http://www.ls-chartering.ro))



*Photo courtesy of ALE*

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