

## LIGHTING AND MARKING OF SELF ESCORT VEHICLES CONSULTATION

The Highways Agency held a consultation on lighting and marking for self escort vehicles and abnormal loads at the end of last year and the HTA were invited to participate, following which an email was also circulated to members asking them to respond. The HTA replied to the Consultation on behalf of Members. The overall response to the HA consultation was poor, but the HA have now considered the feedback and comments that they received from the consultation and have included these in the Code of Practice documents where possible.

A few HTA Members have expressed concerns that the colour 'silver' has been removed from the code of practice.

The HA would like endorsement of the document by the consultees, and have agreed to wait for HTA comments until the next HTA meeting on 12th May.

For information, the two Code of Practice documents are now available on the public pages of the Highways Agency's ESDAL website.

Once endorsements have been received the HTA logo, among others, will be added to the documents and a press release publicising the availability of the new Codes of Practice will be issued.



*Committee Members at the Meeting hosted by John Hudson Trailer Supermarket, Doncaster. Photo taken September 2010  
L – R: Standing: Alan Lewis, David Collett, John Dyne, Ian Brooks, John Rodell; Front: Graham Robbins, Tim Wayne*

## ESCORTING IN THE UK

Following a presentation by the HTA (Ian Brooks and John Rodell) to the Association of Industrial Road Safety Officers (AIRSO), Road Safety Advisory Panel on the issues of escorting in the UK, AIRSO has agreed to form a sub-group in order to look further into the issues raised by the HTA:

- An accredited training programme for escorts
- Better education for the public
- The need to clarify with ACPO the position about directing other traffic on the road
- Possible changes in lighting regulations

AIRSO is a registered charity and an independent membership organisation working in the interests of road safety. AIRSO is highly respected in the field within the public, private and voluntary sectors and is consulted by statutory and non-statutory organisations on road safety issues. Members represent a wide cross-section, including commercial transport, fleet management, driver training, independent and local government road safety organisations, the armed services, the emergency services and enforcement agencies.

The Secretary of AIRSO, Graham Feest has been invited to attend the next HTA Meeting on 12th May.



## ESTA NEWS EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF HEAVY HAULAGE TRANSPORT AND MOBILE CRANES

ESTA has published the shortlist of entries for the ESTA Awards 2011. Two HTA Members from the UK have been selected. ALE are shortlisted for the Cranes Lattice Boom category and the SPMT category. Both ALE and GCS Johnson Ltd are shortlisted for the Trailer and Load over 120t Gross weight. For the full list see the ESTA website: [www.esta-eu.org/esta-awards-2011-shortlist](http://www.esta-eu.org/esta-awards-2011-shortlist)

Prizes will be awarded at the awards ceremony which will be held on June 7th at the Okura Hotel, Amsterdam.

## BRITISH WATERWAYS

The HTA has entered into a dialogue with British Waterways' Head of Engineering George Ballinger regarding their plans to charge for administering the notifications they receive from hauliers who are moving loads across their structures.

The discussions have to date been positive with British Waterways offering to meet with the Association to discuss their plans and are willing to listen to any concerns the HTA may have.

There will be a discussion on this matter at both the HTA General Meeting and Committee Meeting to be held on May 12th following which it is expected that the HTA will accept British Waterways' offer to meet.



ALE transport and install a 3,945te bridge in what is believed to be one of the heaviest bridge moves using SPMTs in the UK.  
Photo courtesy of ALE



## GCS JOHNSON LTD: HOT OIL HEATER – PEMBROKE DOCK

The design of this rather strange load was partially brought about due to the layout of the site in Norway, and the installation procedure.

The hot oil heater, with a length of width of approximately 13 metres, but with a height of over 24 metres and weighing in at 197 tonnes, is basically a tall column with peripheral equipment fore & aft. As the load could not be installed by a mobile crane and had to be placed by transport equipment, the design team came up with the idea of a transport frame which allowed trailer support at either side of the load; albeit nearly 9 metres apart.

If the move at the fabricator had been just straight and level, there would have been no problem. However, although the assembly area was only half a mile from the quay edge, there were four 90 degree turns, plus a 2 degree slope to contend with.

In total, it took just under 3 hours to make the journey, constantly trimming and adjusting both trailer in all three planes. Finally, seating the assembly onto pre-prepared shims set on the quay to within 10mm was performed on the first attempt!



*Photos courtesy of GCS Johnson Ltd*



## CONGRATULATIONS TO HTA SECRETARY JOHN DYNE!



Dyne Solicitors Limited won the Niche Law Firm Award at the Liverpool Law Society Legal Awards 2011 ceremony on 7th May!

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ALE use SPMTs to replace a 'rail over rail' bridge. The old deck was first removed before the new 300te deck was transported and installed.  
Photo courtesy of ALE

## NEW MEMBERS:

The HTA is pleased to welcome the following new members:

**KR WIND LTD**, King George V Dock, Glasgow  
(Contact: Ally Mcpherson)

**OB HAULAGE LTD**, Carrick, Dalystown, Mullingar Co. Westmeath  
(Contact: Oliver Brennan)

## TRUCKPOL

Truckpol has announced that there has been a great increase in diesel theft, although prior to Jan 2011 they were only recording details of when more than 1000 litres fuel had been stolen. Now Truckpol record all fuel thefts. Offenders use specially adapted vehicles fitted with pumps, hoses and containers. Hauliers are advised to park in well-lit populated areas, and to park with the fuel tank facing the road so that passing traffic make it a less easy target. They also advise using CCTV or to consider using an anti-siphoning device. Please report all suspicious incidents/behaviour to the police.

TruckPol is a nationwide police intelligence service which records information on all aspects of road freight crime. By submitting information to TruckPol you could be helping to solve a serious crime in our industry. Tel: 0247 6516246 [www.truckpol.com](http://www.truckpol.com)

## HTA NATIONAL ABNORMAL LOAD NOTIFICATION DIRECTORY

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