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Europe Wide Haulage Industry

Haulage as an Enabler to Serious and Organised Crime

The NCA is working with the haulage industry in the UK and across Europe to ensure they are not susceptible to approaches from Organised Crime Groups to transport illicit commodities and people into the UK.



Key partners

UK and Overseas

UK Border Force

UK Police Forces

UK Immigration Enforcement

Europol

European Law Enforcement Agencies

Frontex

NCA International Liaison Officers

The Haulage Industry



Working with the Polish Haulage Industry

Working closely with Industry partners is key to protecting the UK and the reputation of the industry

Polish Haulage is key to the UK and is responsible for a significant amount of legitimate goods that are transported into and out of the UK every day.

A small number are detected with illicit commodities or people which can damage the reputation of your industry.



UK Border Detections in 2021

Since 1st January 2021 76 out of the 363 HGV detections that were not prosecuted involved Polish HGVS or drivers

Tobacco and cigarettes	47
Offensive Weapons	13
Migrants	7
Class B and C drugs	6
Alcohol	4
Non lethal firearms	3
Cash outbound	1



UK Prosecutions

Cases where drivers are awaiting prosecution for serious offences Since January 2021

12 Polish HGV drivers have been arrested for serious offences at the UK Border

Class A drugs (Cocaine, Heroin) 9 Class B drugs (amphetamine) 1 Firearms 1 Cash (Outbound) 1



ORGANISED IMMIGRATION CRIME



HUMAN SMUGGLING OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

- Human Smuggling is a voluntary and transactional relationship between migrants and Organised Crime Groups to illegally cross one or multiple international borders.
- Human Trafficking involves the recruitment, movement and harbouring of a person by means of force or threat of force for the purpose of exploitation.



MIGRANT VULNERABILITY

Migrants may be subjected to violence and exploitation throughout their journeys, from source to destination countries, by the criminals they pay to help them.

Migrants who reach their destination country may find themselves in debt-bondage to Organised Crime Groups and exploited in the same way as those who have been trafficked:

- Coerced manual labour
- Sexual exploitation
- Forced criminal activity such as organised acquisitive crime or the cultivation and supply of drugs



MIGRANT SMUGGLING IN HAULAGE

Thousands of migrants are transported across Europe in Iorries. After crossing the Schengen border in Slovenia or Hungary the migrants head towards Western Europe:

Transit Countries

- Austria
- Slovakia
- Czech Republic
- Poland

Destination Countries

- Germany
- France
- Belgium
- United Kingdom



RISKS

Lorries are not designed to carry passengers and migrants are therefore in danger of:

- Suffocation
- Dehydration
- Hypothermia / Hyperthermia
- Injury falling from vehicle
- Injury road traffic accident
- Injury cargo shift



SERIOUS EVENTS

There have been many incidents of injury and death across Europe, the most publicised of which are:

- June 2000 58 migrants found dead in a lorry at Dover, UK
- August 2015 71 migrants found dead in a lorry in Burgenland, Austria
- October 2019 39 migrants found dead in a lorry at Grays, UK



SIGNS

Drivers should check their lorries every time they have been left unattended:

Migrants inside the trailer:

- Broken and re-attached seals
- Cut and re-attached TIR cords/cables
- Cuts in the tarpaulin sides or tops of trailers
- Holes cut in the tops of refrigerated trailers
- Damage to doors
- Hinge tampering
- Unusual smell

Migrants concealed externally:

- Spaces under the trailer
- Pallet locker
- Air dam
- Engine space



ACTION

If you see or hear something suspicious

REPORT IT

Help save lives

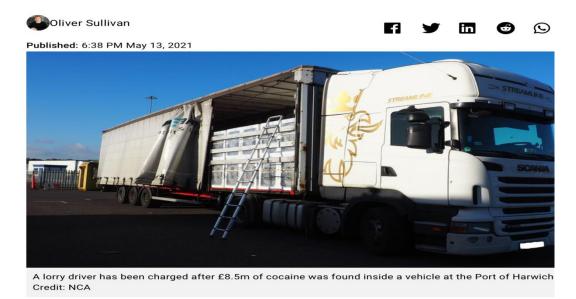


How do we avoid this happening?



East Anglian Daily Times > News > Crime

Lorry driver charged after £8.5m cocaine seizure





Prevention opportunities

How do we work together to protect your industry from becoming involved in Organised Crime

Questions? Suggestions?

