

To: All subscribers
Subject Motor Fleet Risk Management e-info - August 2005.

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Welcome to the Driving Services e-info. This communication will keep you up to date with important developments within Driving Services, the fleet risk management industry and let you know where to find useful facts, figures and information.

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drivingservices.com

Take a look soon at: drivingmonitor.co.uk and drivingservices.com

DRIVING SERVICES CALLS FOR STANDARDS

Driving Services have once again called for standards to be introduced to all members of the Fleet safety Association. Without standards, providers of Motor Fleet Risk Management can offer and provide what they like, they must be accountable and monitored as to the standard and type of service they provide. The monitoring body must be the Driving Standards Agency, the Government Agency for driving standards.

STAFF CHANGES

Driving Services are pleased to announce the arrival of Liz Gwyther. Liz is our Marketing Co-ordinator and will be dealing with all aspects of our marketing, PR and advertising strategy.

CLARIFICATION OF SEAT BELT USAGE FOR VAN DRIVERS

As of Tuesday 1st March the law on seatbelt wearing is changed to make it clear that delivery drivers and their passengers must wear their seatbelts except on very short journeys. The change means it will

be compulsory for drivers and passengers in vehicles constructed or adapted to carry goods to belt up when making deliveries or collections if they travel over 50m, which is roughly the width of an average football pitch.

GPS CAMERA LOCATORS

The DfT has announced that GPS-based speed camera locators will be fully legal under the Road Traffic Safety Bill as they aid government efforts to deter excessive and inappropriate speeds on the roads.

The bill, which passed through its third reading in the House of Commons on 8 March, is expected to come into force from March 2006. This will ban drivers from using 'speed assessment equipment detection devices'. According to the DfT, GPS-based systems will remain fully legal as they 'complement the Government's policy to ensure that camera sites are visible and conspicuous to drivers, and so help deter excessive and inappropriate speeds on the roads'.

NEW WORKING TIME RULES FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVERS AND CREW

New rules to ensure that commercial drivers and crew do not work too many hours were laid before Parliament on 16 March. The Road Transport (Working Time) Regulations 2005 will further improve safety on our roads and help to make the road transport industry more attractive to new recruits.

The new Regulations will come into force on 4th April 2005 and will apply to commercial drivers and crews of Heavy Goods Vehicles and Public Service Vehicles in Great Britain.

http://www.dft.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2005_0025

UN ROAD SAFETY WEEK SET FOR 2007

A global road safety week will be held in 2007 to raise awareness about road traffic injuries, a UN body in Geneva has agreed. The Road Traffic Safety Working Group of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) has approved plans to bring forward its four yearly road safety week to 2007 and to globalise the campaign, in recognition of the urgent nature of the road traffic injury problem facing many parts of the developing world.

http://www.fiafoundation.com/policy/road_safety/news/un_road_safety_week_set_for_2007.html

Useful web sites:

Driving Standards Agency: www.dsa.gov.uk

Department for Transport: www.dft.gov.uk/

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency: www.dvla.gov.uk

Health and Safety Executive: www.hse.gov.uk

Euro NCAP Assessments: www.euroncap.com

Vehicle & Operator Services Agency: www.vosa.gov.uk/

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