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### **Traffic Commissioner**

### London and South East

## **Transport Managers**

### EU Regulation 1071/2009



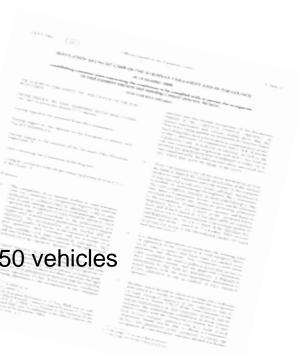
- "continuously and effectively manages the transport activities of the business..."
- "employed or contracted..."

#### Article 4 EU Regulation 1071/2009

#### Transport Manager must:

- be of good repute
- be professionally competent,
- If external, not act for more than 4 operators or 50 vehicles





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## Required knowledge

- Civil law
- Commercial law
- Social law
- Fiscal law
- Business and financial management
- Rules on access to the market
- Technical standards
- Road safety rules

## Knowledge

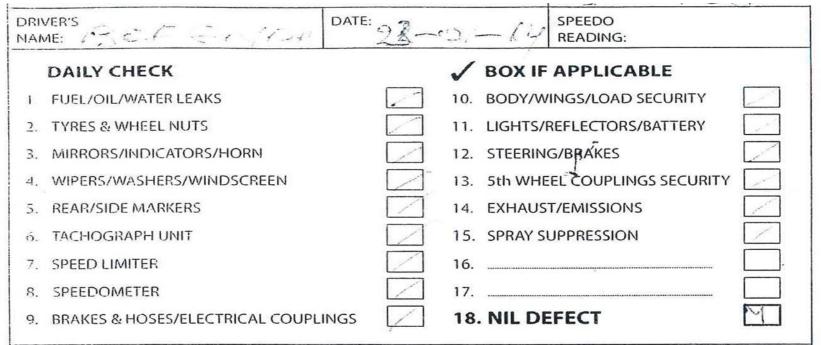
- Business nous
  - Route planning
  - Vehicle selection
  - Sales, marketing, PR etc
- Compliance with the law
  - Vehicles maintained
  - Drivers' hours
  - Tax, insurance, driver entitlement

# My hot topics

- Flag of convenience transport managers
- Refresher training
- Missing mileage
- Working time/driving time confusion
- Driver defect reporting
- Intelligent use of regular safety checks
- Driver CPC
- Key role of TM

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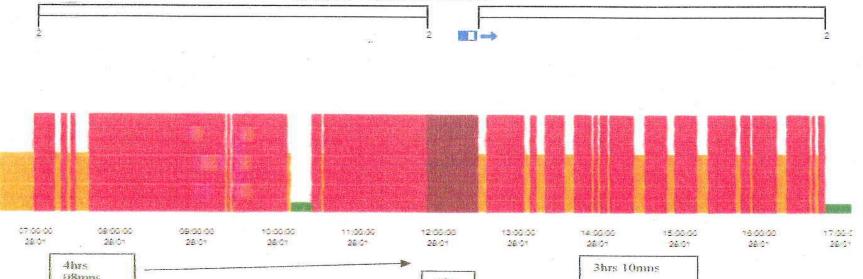
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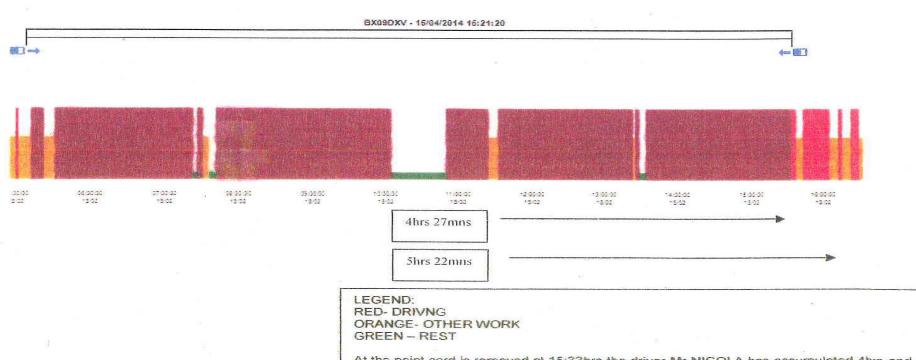


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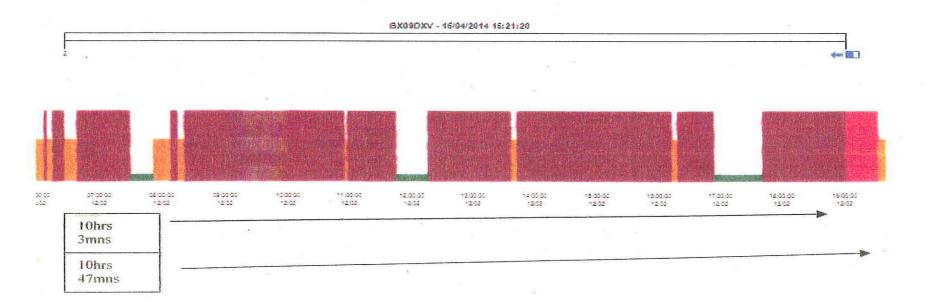
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#### So what makes an effective Transport Manager?

- Position in the organisation
- Capacity
- Knowledge & Skills
- Decision making, Autonomy
- Management of resources
- Impact

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#### **Position in the organisation – a balance:**

#### Close enough to the day to day operation to *manage* it

Vs

#### Close enough to the owner/board to have power

Plus

In the right line





#### Capacity:

- Enough time to do the job properly
- Available when needed
- Can have other roles, but need to be able to conduct transport manager functions properly
- Can be either engineering or operations and need to manage both
- Adequate back up and support

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#### Knowledge & Skills:

- CPC qualification
- Regular and meaningful continuous development
  - Refresher training
  - Attend RHA/FTA/CPT events
  - Subscribe to DVSA Direct
  - Read the STC's Statutory Guidance Documents
  - Read trade press





#### **Decision making & autonomy:**

- Properly involved from the start pricing contract bids, setting and timing routes, specifying vehicles, employing drivers, support staff...
- Can say yes or no to a vehicle moving without referring to anyone else





#### Management of resources:

- In the line management chain of the key people not just drivers
- In control of their own adequate budget
- Have real influence over others, eg engineering, HR





#### Impact in and on the business:

- Recognised as a key person within the organisation
- Things happen because the TM says so
- Paid a proper amount to reflect the professional and personal responsibility and the risk to their qualification
- If the TM left it would be noticed!





#### **Repute affected by:**

- Unsafe operation of vehicles maintenance or drivers hours,
- Unfair commercial advantage: eg abuse of drivers' hours rules
- Personal convictions
- Failure to comply with conditions and undertakings





#### Article 14 EU Regulation 1071/2009

#### **Declaration of unfitness**

- Disqualification of transport manager, for a specified period or indefinitely
- Requirement to undertake a rehabilitative measure to regain repute or professional competence – may mean re-sitting CPC

## "Most serious infringements"

- Driver without entitlement
- Serious drivers' hours offence
- Vehicle without tachograph, or with magnet
- Vehicle with no MOT
- No Community licence



#### Transport Managers – do you know

- Your statutory obligations?
- The practical application of them?
- Your personal liabilities?
- The reputational risks?
- Just how important **you** are!



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