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Illegal Immigrants – Clandestine Entrants.

1. Legal basis.

The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

2. Fines.

Amount: 2000 Pounds Sterling per illegal immigrant.

The fine can be applied to the transport company, owner or operator of the vehicle and/or to the driver. This means that in a worst case scenario both the transport company and the driver will receive a fine of 2000 £ each, making a total of 4000 £ per illegal immigrant found on board of the vehicle.

3. Prevention.

The Home Office issued a Code of Practice in accordance with section 33 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Each transport company should inform their drivers about the consequences of carrying illegal immigrants and should implement an effective procedure in order to prevent clandestine entrants.

An important element of this effective procedure is the training of drivers and the use of padlocks, seals and TIR cord in combination with the “vehicle security check-list”

4. Interview – Fine - Appeal.

In the Ports (Coquelles, Calais, Dunkerque, Oostende, Dover etc..) following technology is used : Passive Millimetric Wave Imagers (PMMWI), Heartbeat Detectors, CO2 detectors, Gamma Ray scanners.

In case illegal immigrants have been found on board of your vehicle you will be stopped and you will be interviewed by the responsible immigration officer.

On the basis of this interview and considering all circumstances the port immigration officer will apply a (maximum) fine to the transport company and/or to the driver.

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This fine must be paid within 60 days unless you make an appeal in writing within 28 days after being penalized. The Home Office will reply to your appeal within 70 days.

If you can show in your appeal to the authorities that you have an effective system in place and that the driver followed the general security guidelines and used a vehicle security check list, the fines can be reduced or completely waived.

Only in those cases where the authorities have serious doubts about the payment of the fines, the vehicle will be kept as a guarantee. At all times you are allowed to deliver the cargo. If you do not pay your fine (after appeal) within the time limit the authorities are entitled to seize any other vehicle owned or operated by the transport company.

More information at www.homeoffice.gov.uk , CPCAU, Status Four, 3 Nobel Drive, Harlington, UB3 5EY, United Kingdom, tel 00 44 208 7456006, fax 208 7455922.

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