

Driving for Work Seminar 2020

Operator Essentials – Chain of Responsibility for Safe Drivers

The Chain of Responsibility

Who can be held legally responsible if they cause or contribute to breaches of the rules on driving times, breaks and rest periods?

Consignors
Truck operators
Freight forwarders
Drivers
Transport subcontractors
Principal transport contractors
Other road transport users
Driver employment agencies



The Chain of Responsibility

- Who is responsible for implementing the rules?

Anyone who, as part of their business, manages, operates, schedules or uses road transport services involving:

Goods-carrying vehicles where the permissible mass of the vehicle, including any trailer or semi-trailer, is greater than 3.5 tonnes or

Passenger-carrying vehicles that are built or adapted to carry more than nine people, including the driver.

The Chain of Responsibility

What are the rules relating to drivers' hours and tachograph?

Regulation 561/2006 and 165/2014

Employer Responsibilities:

- switch mechanisms
- monitor records
- other employment?
- ensure driver compliance
- document actions
- certain exemptions/record keeping



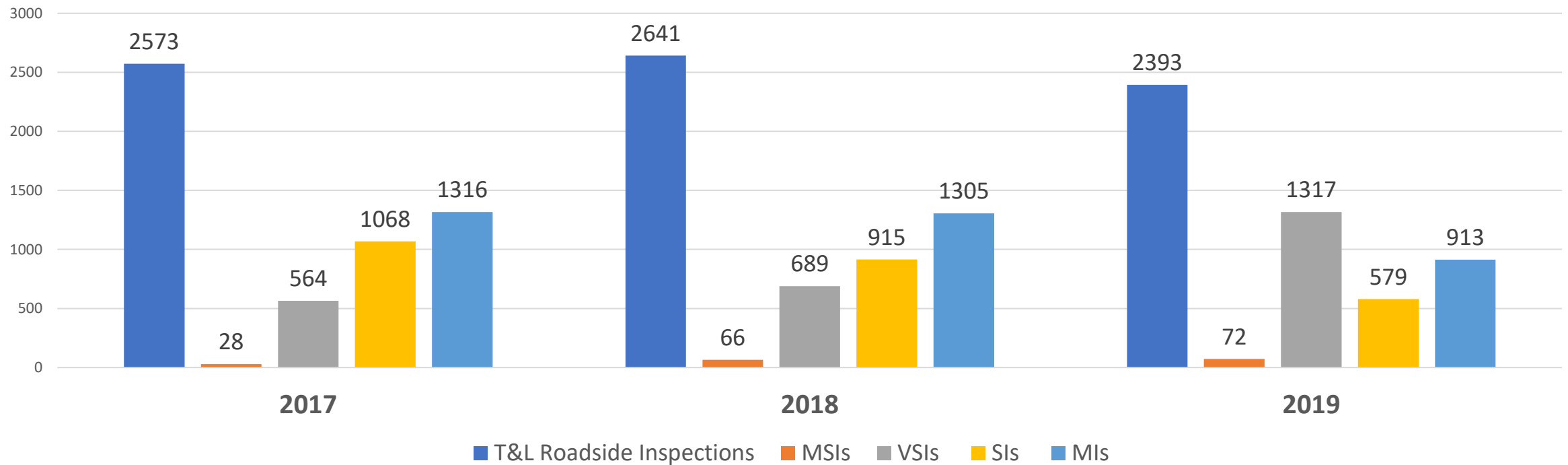
How can you meet your responsibilities?

- Proper planning and allow sufficient time
- Contractually agreed schedules comply with EU rules
- Drivers not encouraged to disregard the rules
- Driver's requirements for daily living are taken into account

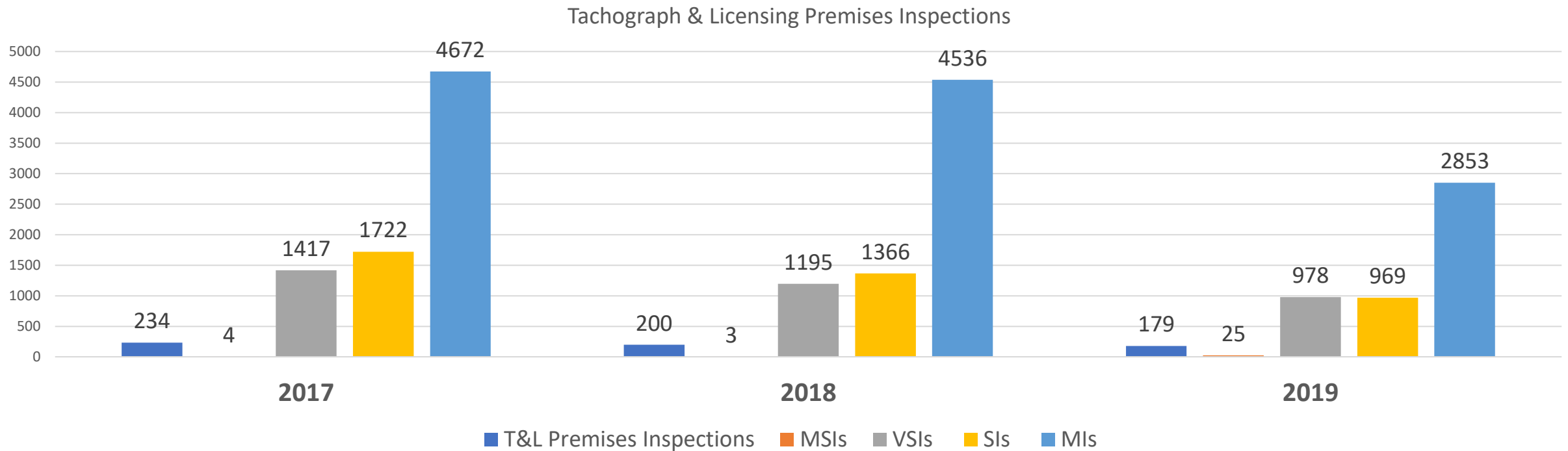


Tachograph & Licensing roadside inspections and infringements detected in the years 2017 - 2019

Tachograph & Licensing Roadside Inspections

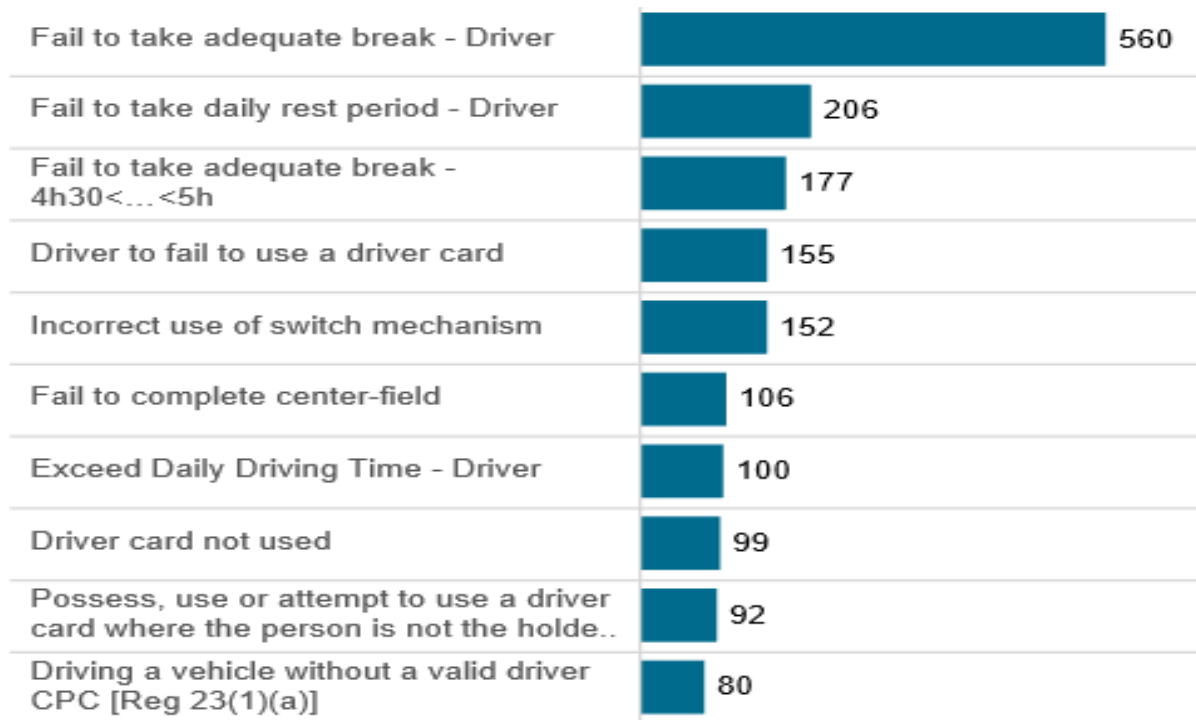


Tachograph & Licensing premises inspections and infringements detected in the years 2017 - 2019

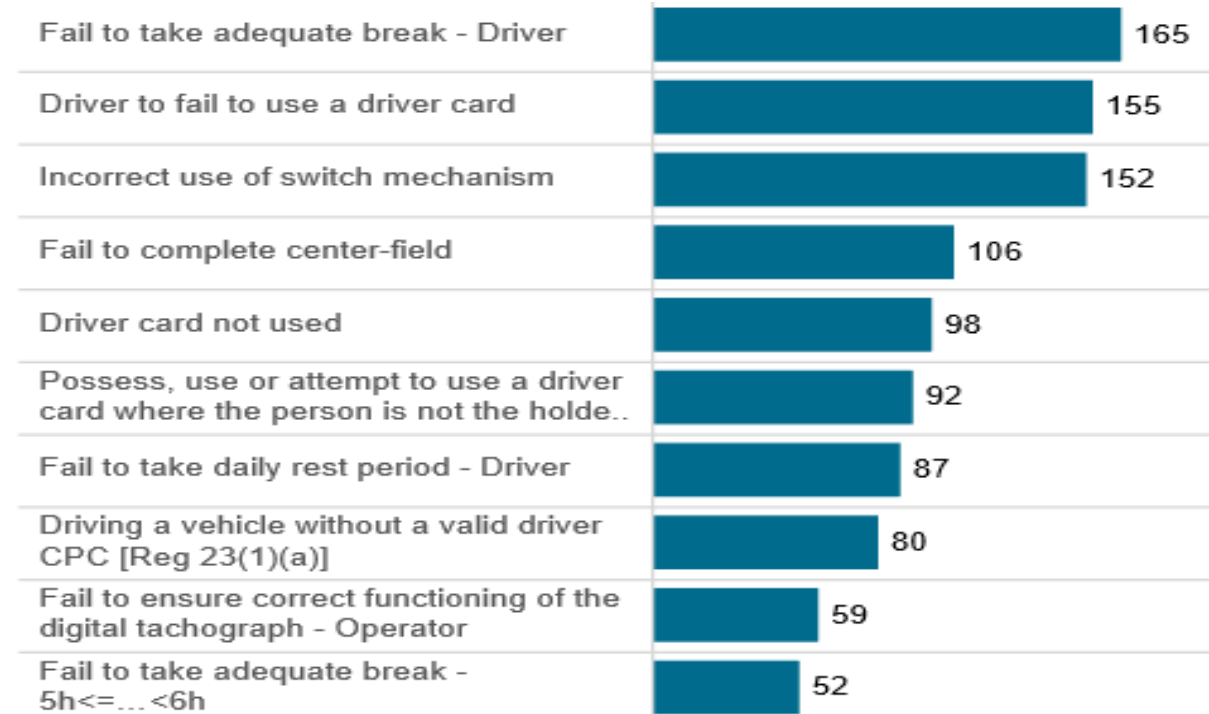


Most frequently detected infringements at roadside tachograph & licensing inspections in 2019

- Top 10 infringements – including minor



- Top 10 infringements - SI, VSI & MSI



Most frequently detected infringements at premises tachograph & licensing inspections in 2019

- Top 10 infringements – including minor

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| Fail to take adequate break - Driver | 2,490 |
| Fail to take daily rest period - Driver | 901 |
| Fail to take weekly rest | 295 |
| Exceed Daily Driving Time - Driver | 255 |
| Fail to complete center-field | 107 |
| Fail to take adequate break - 4h30<...<5h | 107 |
| Incorrect use of switch mechanism | 91 |
| Fail to ensure correct functioning of the digital tachograph - Operator | 68 |
| Driver to fail to use a driver card | 50 |
| Possess, use or attempt to use a driver card where the person is not the holde.. | 48 |

- Top 10 infringements - SI, VSI & MSI

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| Fail to take adequate break - Driver | 659 |
| Fail to take daily rest period - Driver | 356 |
| Fail to take weekly rest | 178 |
| Fail to complete center-field | 107 |
| Incorrect use of switch mechanism | 91 |
| Exceed Daily Driving Time - Driver | 82 |
| Fail to ensure correct functioning of the digital tachograph - Operator | 68 |
| Driver to fail to use a driver card | 50 |
| Possess, use or attempt to use a driver card where the person is not the holde.. | 48 |
| Fail to take adequate break - 5h<=...<6h | 40 |

Chain of Responsibility – Additional Driver Essentials

- Drivers licence
- Current driver CPC
- Digital driver card
- Equipment training
- Walkaround checks



HGV Driver Walkaround Checks

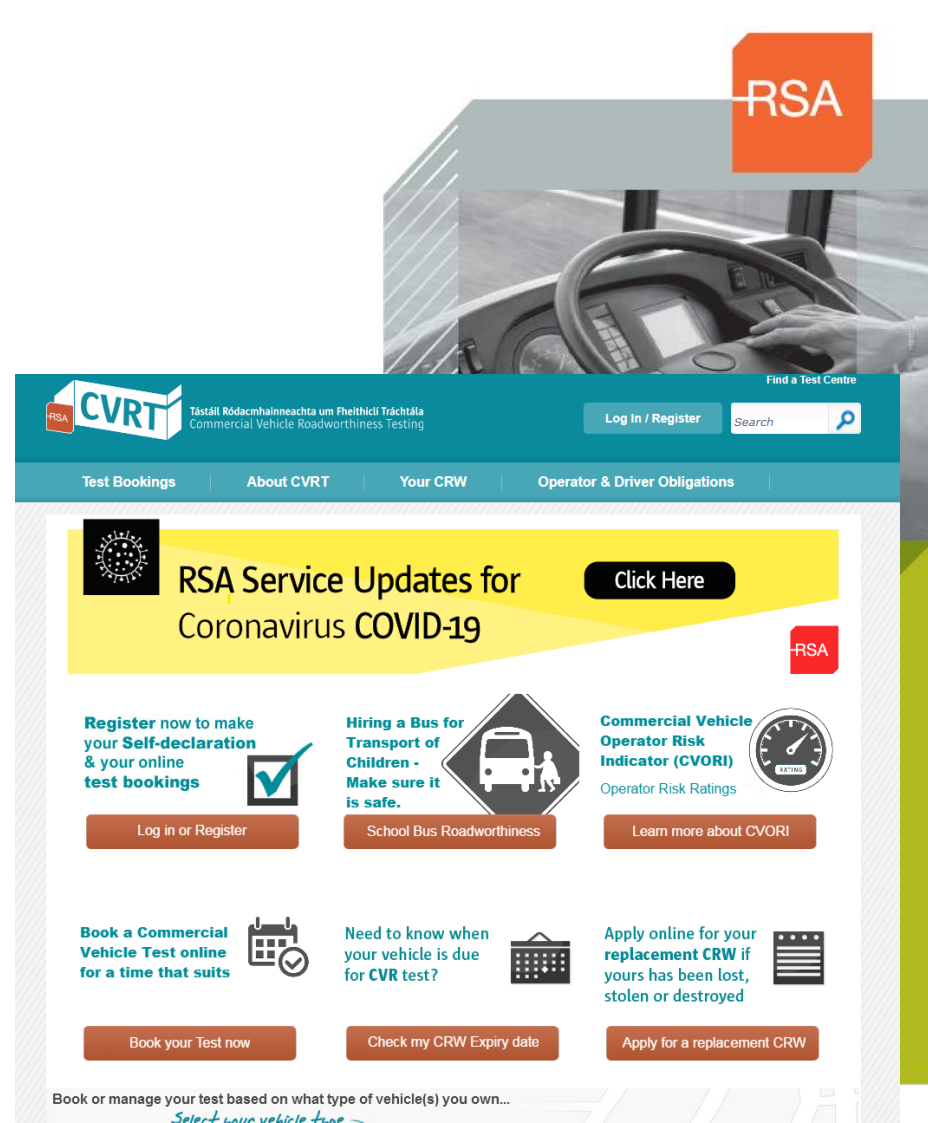
- In Cab Checks**
 - Check driving controls, seat position, safety belt (if fitted), Tachograph, Correct hours, calibration & speed limiter
 - ABS/ESC warning lights working
 - Instruments, gauges & warning devices working
 - Wipers, washers, horn, demister & temperature controls working correctly
- Load Security**
 - Limited correctly
 - Weight distributed across axle
 - Not overloading
 - Load restrained & contained
- External Checks**
 - Check underneath front of vehicle for fuel leaks
 - Check for excessive noise or smoke
 - Landing legs fully raised & locked in position
 - Trailer park brake operates correctly & is fully released
 - Air suspension correctly set
 - Number & marker plates in place, clear & in good condition
 - Check vehicle sitting square & not leaning to one side
 - Check engine oil, coolant, washer water & fuel for leaks & levels
 - Check for amount of oil leaks or drip in air pressure
 - Fuel cap seal in good condition & no leaks
 - Side & rear reflective markings fitted, clear & in good condition
- Vehicle Access**
 - Steps unobstructed
 - Good access surface
 - Clear
 - Good handholds
 - Proper access to controls & hand area (if present)
 - Safe access for driver
 - Safe access to SMC Connections
- Tyres, Wheels & Couplings**
 - Tyres correctly inflated
 - Tyres correct tread depth
 - Tyres unobstructed by elements, debris or traps
 - Wheel nut indicators correctly aligned (if fitted)
 - Wheel stud nuts in place, correctly fitted & secure
 - Road wheels in good condition
 - Spoke/nut is correctly located in title wheel & locked in position (if applicable)
 - Brake/brake in place & in good condition
- Static Connections**
 - All required air & electrical SMC connections present & correctly located
 - In good condition: No chuffing, rattling or any other damage
 - ABS/ESC cable fitted (if required)
 - No air leaks from connectors
- Lights & Mirrors**
 - Working
 - Clean
 - Correct colour
 - All in place & unobscured
- Windscreen/Exhaustion & Side Windows**
 - Unobscured
 - Clean
 - View not obstructed e.g. by stickers, etc.
 - Wash & defrosters must present
 - Windscreen wipers & wiper working correctly & in good condition
- Mirrors**
 - Cover side & rear blind spots (if fitted)
 - Clear & in good condition
 - Correctly aligned

Chain of Responsibility -
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