



## **People for Proper Policing in North Wales**

### **Half lorries tested on A55 in North Wales are dangerous**

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SHOCKING figures have revealed more than half the lorries stopped on the A55 were dangerous.

The frightening statistics uncovered **57% of trucks checked at Caergeiliog**, near Holyhead port, and **54% of lorries stopped at Ewloe** had some type of defect or truckers flouting driving hours.

Offences included defective brakes, overladen vehicles and drivers who had “horrendously” exceeded their driving hours.

More than 1,600 offending vehicles and drivers were found by the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (Vosa) over the six-month period and hundreds of those were immediately hauled off the road.

Vosa officials said the percentage of foreign vehicles with defects was significantly higher than UK lorries.

Enforcement is set to be stepped up from April with vehicles immobilised until on-the-spot fines are paid.

**The PPP comments ..... On the face of it VOSA are doing a good job and as the PPP have always said Prevention is best particularly in Road Safety. The last time the post covered this issue a high proportion of ‘offences’ were ‘not displaying no smoking signs in the cabs’.**

**We would like to see a breakdown of the types of offences and also the type and number of crashes/incidents involving UK and foreign HGVs on the A55**