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Road goods vehicles travelling to mainland Europe - Q3 2008

The Department has published National Statistics on the number of goods vehicles travelling to mainland Europe from Great Britain by ferry and through the Channel Tunnel for Quarter 3 2008, according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority. Main conclusions:

- 695 thousand goods vehicles travelled from Great Britain to mainland Europe, a decrease of three per cent on the same quarter in 2007.
- This figure was made up of 511 thousand powered vehicles, down four per cent from the third quarter 2007, and 185 thousand unaccompanied trailers, down two per cent from the third quarter 2007.
- In the third quarter of 2008, 20 per cent of powered goods vehicles (101 thousand) were UK-registered, the same percentage as in quarter three of 2007

Vehicle sales

Detail provided by SMMT show cars and LGV's considerably lower than 2007 sales, vans were ahead of previous year until May when they took a massive hit.

LGV's sales are up on 2007 believed to be predominantly due to lead times.

Comparison Aug – Nov 2007/08

	Aug 08'	Sept 08'	Oct 08'	Nov 08'	Total
LGV's	11,508	36,512	18,180	15,273	81,473
HGV's R	2,421	4,666	3,290	2,777	13,154
HGV's A	1,018	1,843	1,614	2,006	6,481
	Aug 07'	Sept 07'	Oct 07'	Nov 07'	
LGV's	15,283	46,842	28,072	28,741	118,938
HGV's R	2,691	4,699	3,394	3,543	14,327
HGV's A	887	1,642	2,120	2,270	6,919

Bankruptcies

This information is not available; haulage operator bankruptcies are not listed independently within the court records.

However the number of Operator Licence holders has reduced over the year 2006/07 – 2007/08 by 1478 which were not necessarily due to bankruptcies.

2007/08 has seen the continuing trend of an overall reduction in issue to goods vehicle operators – this marks the fifth year of the trend. Both National and International licences are affected by this trend, but it was noticeable that the National licence has shown a reduction for the first time. However the number of restricted licences has shown an increase.

- Restricted Licence..... + 87
- Standard National..... - 1166
- Standard International....- 399
- Overall Lose.....- 1478

Creditors' Voluntary Liquidations

SIC Code 60 = Land transport

	No. of Liquidations	% change on previous quarter	% change on corresponding quarter of previous year
2007			
Q3	43		
Q4	35	-19%	
2008			
Q1	54	54%	
Q2	54	0%	
Q3*	63	17%	47%

* Provisional Figures

The number of voluntary liquidations in the transport industry according to the Insolvency Service has increased by 47 per cent from Q3 2007 to Q3 2008.

Sources: RHA and FTA