



## Internal Memo

To: Contract Leaders

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### Subject: **Transport Logistics and the Safety of Vulnerable Road Users**

As you will no doubt be aware from TV coverage and reports in the national and trade press, there is increasing concern about the safety of cyclists and pedestrians on our streets, particularly in London. This has been brought about by the growing number of fatal accidents on our roads involving 'vulnerable road users', a high percentage of which have involved construction site industry vehicles.

We class 'vulnerable road users' (VRUs) as all people who use the highway and are not enclosed by a vehicle, including pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and less-abled people.

As industry leaders in safety, health and environment, we wish to play a part in addressing this serious national issue and to that end have established a set of measures aimed at trying to prevent harm occurring to all people who interface with our contracts.

These measures are:

- 1. Vehicle Safety Specification** – With immediate effect, all Costain operated vehicles rated greater than 3.5te across the UK will comply with the vehicle specification detailed in the document **Stop & Think: Are your vehicles safe?** This includes Costain achieving bronze standard on the Fleet operator registration scheme (FORS).

With reference to our supply chain the following applies:

**All** vehicles rated greater than 3.5te, attending or going to a Costain project geographically located within the M25, which is operated / used by the supplier or their designated transportation / logistics supply chain, must achieve the requirements below within the timeframes specified.

- 2. Vehicle Safety Specification** – From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013, all vehicles that do not comply with the minimum Costain safety specification / standard will be denied access to our projects, The required vehicle technical specification has been branded '**Stop & Think: Are your vehicles safe?**'. The corresponding technical specification can be accessed via <http://www.costain.com/responsibility/relationships/supply-chain> .
- 3. Fleet Operators Registration Scheme (FORS) Membership** – Before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013, all transportation operators must be registered with FORS and then within 3 months achieve the bronze standard of accreditation. Thereafter, any vehicle not adorned with an official FORS sticker and carrying evidence of bronze status will be denied access to our projects. Information on FORS registration and accreditation can

be accessed via the FORS website [www.fors-online.org.uk](http://www.fors-online.org.uk) .

**Driver Training** – to promote driver awareness of the initiative and the risks to VRU's, we recommend the FORS 'Cycle safety: it's no accident' driver training presentation is downloaded from above Costain website location. Verification of training forms part of the FORS audit and the latter can be used as evidence of this.

Additionally the central SHE Department has drawn up the attached new "Transport Logistics" procedure which sets out the standards to be met by all Costain contracts. If you require further guidance or assistance with the implementation of these requirements, please contact your dedicated SHE Advisor.

Thank you in advance for your support in delivering this worthy initiative, which will have a direct impact on making our roads a safer place for all road users.

**Yours sincerely**



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