



Press Release

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Dutch Government Presents Three New Reports on LHVs

“The Dutch government presented three new reports on Longer and Heavier Vehicles (LHV’s, 25.25m/60T) in the Netherlands. In the LHV Experience Phase from 2007-2012, there have been no limits on the number of vehicles and the number of participating companies.

In this period LHV’s have been used daily on a large scale, driving more than 40 million kilometers per year. The trial is carefully monitored and special attention has been paid on the impact of LHV’s on traffic safety and the modal split.

“The results of the reports show no negative impact on traffic safety and modal split shares. The aims of introducing LHV’s were to increase transport efficiency, to reduce vehicle kilometers and emissions and have a moderating effect on traffic volumes in general. These policy goals are being achieved.

Of course, LHV’s can never be the only solution. The problems of emissions and congestion can only be solved by a combination of measures. LHV’s can and should be a successful part of the solution.

In view of the very positive results the Minister of Infrastructure and Environment, Mrs. Schultz-Van Haegen decided to give LHV’s permanent status following 10 years trials.

The reports are:

1. [Longer and Heavier Vehicles in Practice](#),
Economic, logistical and social effects, July 2011
2. [Monitoring Traffic Safety of Longer and Heavier Vehicles](#),
July 2011
3. [Monitoring Modal Shift - Longer and heavier vehicles](#),
The follow-up measurement, July 2011”