



Border Force

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Date: 30th June 2026

Our Reference: [REDACTED]

Your Reference: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs

Your client: [REDACTED]

Further to your request for the restoration of the seized tractor unit and trailer on behalf of your client.

The Seized Things

Date of Seizure	Place of Seizure
05/11/25	Dover

The things described below were seized under section 139 of the Customs & Excise Management Act 1979 ("the Act").

Description of goods	Quantity
Controlled Drugs	200 kg

The vehicles were liable to forfeiture under section 141 (1) (a) of the Act because they were transporting prohibited or restricted goods that were liable to forfeiture: -

Make and model of Tractor Unit	Registration number
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Everyone involved in the transportation of goods into the UK must make themselves aware of the Customs procedures. This information is freely available at ports and airports in the UK, on the internet at www.gov.uk or from the Revenue & Customs National Advice Service on 0300 200 3700. They should also take reasonable care to ensure that their vehicles are not used to smuggle goods into the UK.

A Summary of the Drugs Restoration Policy for Commercial Vehicles

When a vehicle is involved in the smuggling of drugs, the policy is not to restore the vehicle unless there are exceptional circumstances.

My Decision

I have considered your client's request under section 152 (b) of the Customs & Excise Management Act 1979 ("the Act") and our policy.

In considering restoration I have looked at all of the circumstances surrounding the seizure, but I do not consider the legality or the correctness of the seizure itself.

I conclude that on this occasion **the vehicle will be restored to your client free of charge:**

- Neither the Border Force, nor anyone acting on its behalf, gives any warranty or makes any representation as to the quality, fitness or condition of the vehicle or as to its freedom from damage or defect, howsoever arising.
- Anyone using the vehicle on the public roads is responsible for ensuring that it is roadworthy and covered by any necessary MOT certificate, Vehicle Excise Duty ("tax") and insurance before it is so used.
- The vehicle must be accepted as they stand.
- The vehicle must be collected at no expense to the Crown.
- The person collecting the vehicle must produce satisfactory photographic proof identity such as a passport or company pass.
- The vehicle will be released to someone other than the owner (e.g. an agent or employee) on production of written authority from the owner [Border Force may keep the document].

Collection Arrangements

Border Force cannot store vehicles indefinitely, and currently do not charge for the storage of the seized item/s. As empowered under section 152 (b) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979, any Border Force decision to restore the vehicle/s is discretionary and in line with any conditions that the Commissioners see fit. As the liability to forfeiture was not challenged within 1 month of the date of seizure, the vehicle became, via forfeiture, the property of the Crown. **A condition of restoration is the vehicle is collected within 45 days of the date of this letter, that date being 14/07/26. Failure to do so may result in the immediate disposal of the vehicle/s after the requisite time period.**

To arrange collection of the vehicle, your client will need to contact our contractors GXO Logistics on 01304 663155 between 10.00-16.00 Monday to Friday quoting reference number [REDACTED] and seal number [REDACTED]. **Please wait 48 hours after the receipt of this letter before contacting GXO to organise collection; this allows time for the release paperwork to go through.**

Yours faithfully



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