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Mr Peter van Dalen
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Subject: Forgery of ID and driving licences

Dear Mr van Dalen,

Thank you very much for your letter highlighting your concerns over the forgery of official documents. I note the case you refer to relating to the forgery of ID and driving licences where Lithuanian truck drivers working for a Norwegian company were caught with 4 different fake Lithuanian driving licences and two Lithuanian ID's.

Europol realises the seriousness of this kind of fraud. There is no doubt that this is another example of how the use of counterfeit documents constitute a direct threat to the security and safety of EU citizens.

Europol is actively tackling these kinds of crimes. In October 2010, Europol's Focal Point (FP) Checkpoint, dealing with illegal immigration, opened a Target Group (TG) Rain to tackle travel document forgery for the purpose of facilitation of illegal immigration into and within the EU. The Primary objective of TG Rain is to identify and dismantle Organised Crime networks involved in the production and distribution of forged identity and travel documents used in illegal immigration.

In response to your letter I have asked Europol staff to contact the Liaison Bureau Lithuania to get additional information on the cases you mention and to assess whether further Europol support is needed.

Additionally I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to TISPOL, the European Traffic Police Network with a view to them pursuing this issue in their work.

I trust this addresses the issues you have raised to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,


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