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Simple ESDAL FAQs for Structure Owners

When is ESDAL likely to be complete?

ESDAL is now essentially complete, although 'improvements' are being added from time to time ...

*Does ESDAL now deal with **all** abnormal load notifications made by hauliers and plant operators?*

No, ESDAL will **never** do this whilst using it is voluntary, and the ESDAL website site states quite clearly that '... there will be no changes to legislation - ESDAL is a tool to streamline the notification process ...'.

What proportion of abnormal load notifications is ESDAL likely to handle?

All the indications at present are that most hauliers will continue to contact structure owners direct as they do now. Current notifications through ESDAL are minimal. But if ESDAL becomes easier to use, so more hauliers may be tempted to use it.

*A plug here for Cascade's *** AbHaulier *** software!*

More hauliers are now using Cascade's *** AbHaulier *** notification software, which provides route directions and selection of authorities to notify. *** AbHaulier *** notifications are processed automatically by *** ABLOADS ***. In some areas, *** AbHaulier *** notifications now exceed those from ESDAL

Can we get ESDAL to forward to us the notifications it receives, so that we can manage ESDAL notifications and direct notifications together?

Yes. After registering with ESDAL you can elect to have ESDAL send all the notifications it receives either by fax or email.

If we do that, what is then the best way to manage and check both direct and ESDAL notifications?

Naturally, we would suggest that you use our *** ABLOADS *** software, which will integrate, manage and uniformly check notifications from both sources with minimal resource input. And notifications forwarded through ESDAL can be part processed automatically in *** ABLOADS ***.

Can we send 'refusals' back to hauliers through ESDAL?

No. A recent 'improvement' to ESDAL allows you to place your refusal back on the website, where it is up to the haulier to read it! Don't rely on him doing this – send it direct!