



In the News: Tristar implements specialized driver training as UAE temperatures soar

Tristar Group has implemented a specialised driver training and support programme designed to ensure truck safety during the UAE's summer months.

With temperatures in the Emirates expected to rise above 50°C in the near future, the UAE-headquartered liquid logistics company has devised a scheme to promote safe operations in the scorching heat.

The training programme includes guidelines to help operators manage heat-related fatigue, identify the safest routes, avoid road range, and take extra care when driving in high ambient temperatures.

To support safe operations, Tristar's journey management unit will distribute work in such a way that long hauls and difficult journeys do not fall on the same drivers frequently. The scheduling team, meanwhile, will work with customers to plan deliveries outside the hottest hours of the day.

In turn, the firm's workshop operatives will check that tyres and air-conditioning systems are in good condition, and supervisors will ensure that drivers remain well hydrated.

Muhammad Akber, Tristar's general manager for quality, sustainability, and health, safety and environment (HSE), said: "All our vehicles are fitted with online GPS tracking systems, which [are] monitored by dedicated teams on a 24/7 basis from Tristar's headquarters."

"[Our staff check for] speeding, harsh braking, harsh acceleration, route deviation, and unauthorised stoppage," explained Akber, who added that all drivers are given a 'Stop Work Card' signed by the Tristar Group's CEO, which allows them to refuse trips if they are tired or have already completed their allotted hours.

Arundhan Alphonse, assistant general manager of operations at Tristar, commented: "If [drivers] feel tired or are not well, they should stop at a safe location, call their supervisor, and rest until they feel better."

"Our journey management team is highly vigilant, and keeps track of working and driving hours during the summer season."

Before each dispatch, a mandatory pre-trip safety briefing will be conducted to check the driver's physical condition, outline potential route hazards, reiterate road safety rules, and confirm that the vehicle is working order.

Those behind the initiative are confident that it will ensure the safe operation of Tristar's fleet during the summer months.