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# Strategies for Weight Enforcement using Weigh-In-Motion systems

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# Introduction

- National Transport Police (NL, 1994 -2000)
  - WIM-VID, Pilot WIM + Video for enforcement
- Ministry of Transport (NL, 2000 – 2006)
  - WIM-Hand, WIM for direct Enforcement
  - Remove, Use of WIM for Enforcement in Europe
- Kalibra International (CH, 2006 – 2013)
  - FiWi, new EU standard for WIM
  - ISWIM, General Secretary, Information Officer
- Corner Stone Int. (CH, 2013 - )
  - Independent Consultant on WIM



# Introduction

## Overloading by heavy vehicles:

- Damages to roads,
  - Pavements and bridges
- Reduced traffic safety
  - More – serious - accidents
- Unfair Competition
- Benefits for a few – Costs for the whole society
- Annual Costs for Brazil calculated in Billions

# Introduction

## Applications of WIM:

- Statistics on Traffic Loading for:
    - Design of Roads, Pavements and Bridges
    - Planning of Road Maintenance
    - Calculation of the damage of Overloading
- Only a WIM measures the real Traffic Loading!*
- Tolling by Weight
    - Toll fees based on actual axle loads
    - Basis for DFBM-Contracts (Private road concessions)

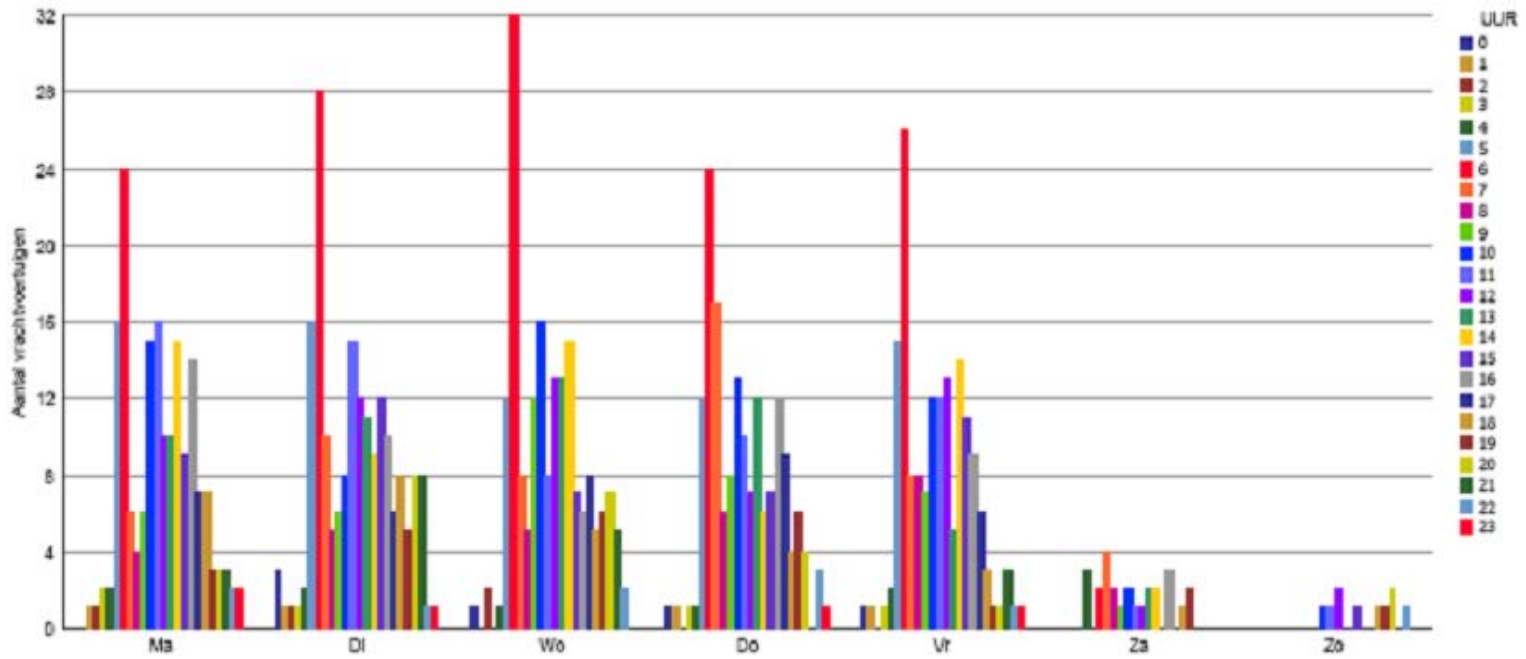
# Applications for Enforcement

- “Manual” Selection



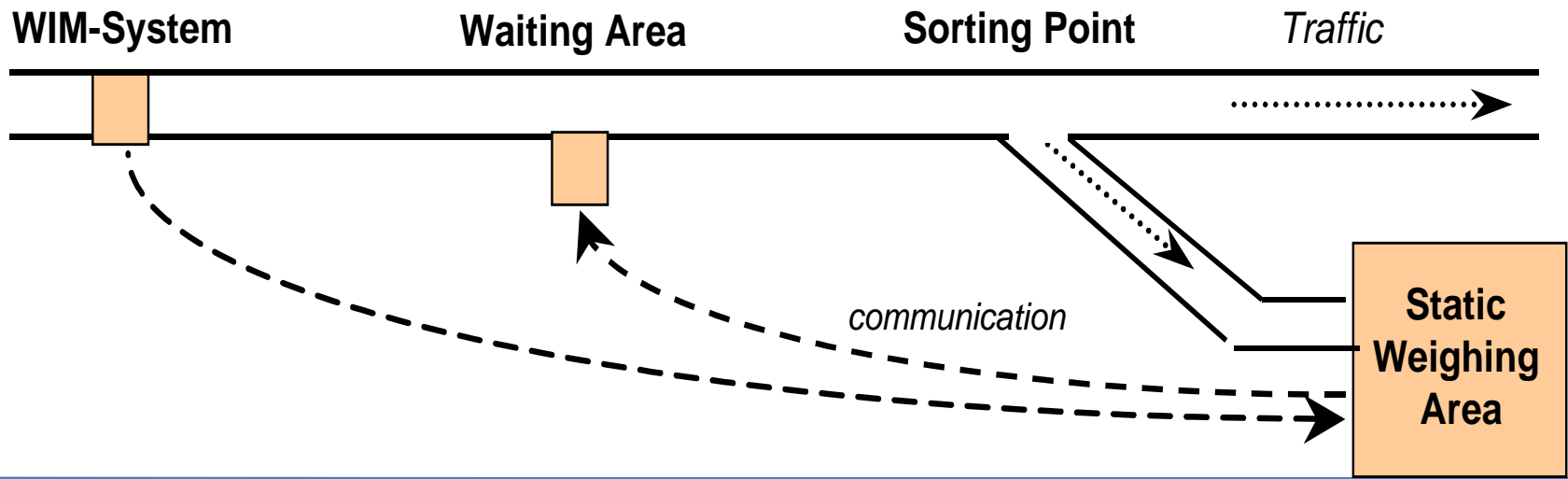
# Applications for Enforcement

- **Statistics & Planning**
  - When, where, who



# Applications for Enforcement

- Statistics & Planning
- **Pre-selection**
  - *'Virtual Weighing'*






**WIM Monitor Category Comparison**

Bestand Verbinding Extra Filter Navigatie Help


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Datum: 02 maart 2004  
 Tijd: 10:57:21  
 Voertuig nr.: 551  
 Rijstrook: Rechter rijstrook  
 Meetlocatie: RW12;km41,8;noordbaan;Woerden  
 Sub Categorie: O2235  
 Sub Categorie (ORG): O2235  
 Sub Categorie (DWW): O2235\*  
 Lees logbestand(en) opnieuw  
 Snelheid (km/h): 75

	Asdruk (ton)	Lengte (m)
Totaal	140,4	27,85

	Asdruk (ton)	Afstand (m)
As 1	7,8	-
As 2	7,6	1,72
As 3	12,8	2,21
As 4	12,3	1,39
As 5	12,2	2,43
As 6	12,0	1,56
As 7	11,7	1,53
As 8	13,0	9,76
As 9	13,5	1,39
As 10	12,9	1,36
As 11	12,3	1,42
As 12	12,3	1,39



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OVERIGE

Rijkswaterstaat  
Dienst Weg- en Waterbouwkunde

Niet verbonden met WIM-systeem

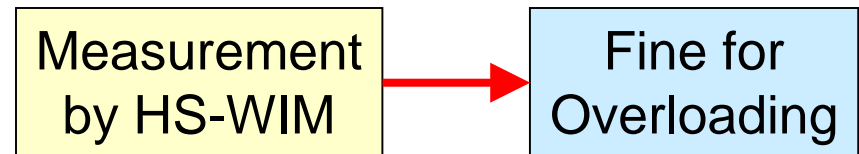
# Applications for Enforcement

- Statistics & Planning
- Pre-selection
- **Company Profiling**
  - Truck registration
  - Black List
  - In-company controls
  - Monitoring of performance
  - Focus on Compliance



# Applications for Enforcement

- Statistics & Planning
- Pre-selection
- Company Profiling
- **Direct Enforcement**
  - Needs top-end WIM
  - Needs certification
  - Not possible yet  
*in most countries*



# Applications for Enforcement

Direct Enforcement	Other Applications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Quality of each <u>individual</u> measurement                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Max. permissible error</li> <li>- 100% of measurements (used)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Quality of <u>average</u> measurement                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mean error</li> <li>- Standard deviation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Evidence</u> of vehicle behavior</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Indication</u> of vehicle behavior</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Performance certified by a notified body                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Type approval + Initial verif.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Performance agreed between vendor &amp; buyer                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acceptance test</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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  - What is the best strategy?
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# Enforcement Strategy

- What is the overloading problem? (axle loads / gross vehicle weights)
- Which vehicles are overloaded? (Local / international / container / bulk materials / liquid tanks / specific companies)
- Where does overloading occur? (highways / local roads)
- When are the peaks? (morning, evening, nights / week days or week-end / seasonal, harvest )
- Who is responsible? (driver / transport company / shipper)
- Why is a truck overloaded? (by accident / structural)
- Etc...

# Enforcement Strategy

**Enforcement Mix**

**Enforcement:  
High Volume  
Fixed**



**Overloading: Incidental  
Transport: Local**

**Roads: Highways**

**Roads: Secondary**

**Transport: International  
Overloading: Structural**

**Overloading**

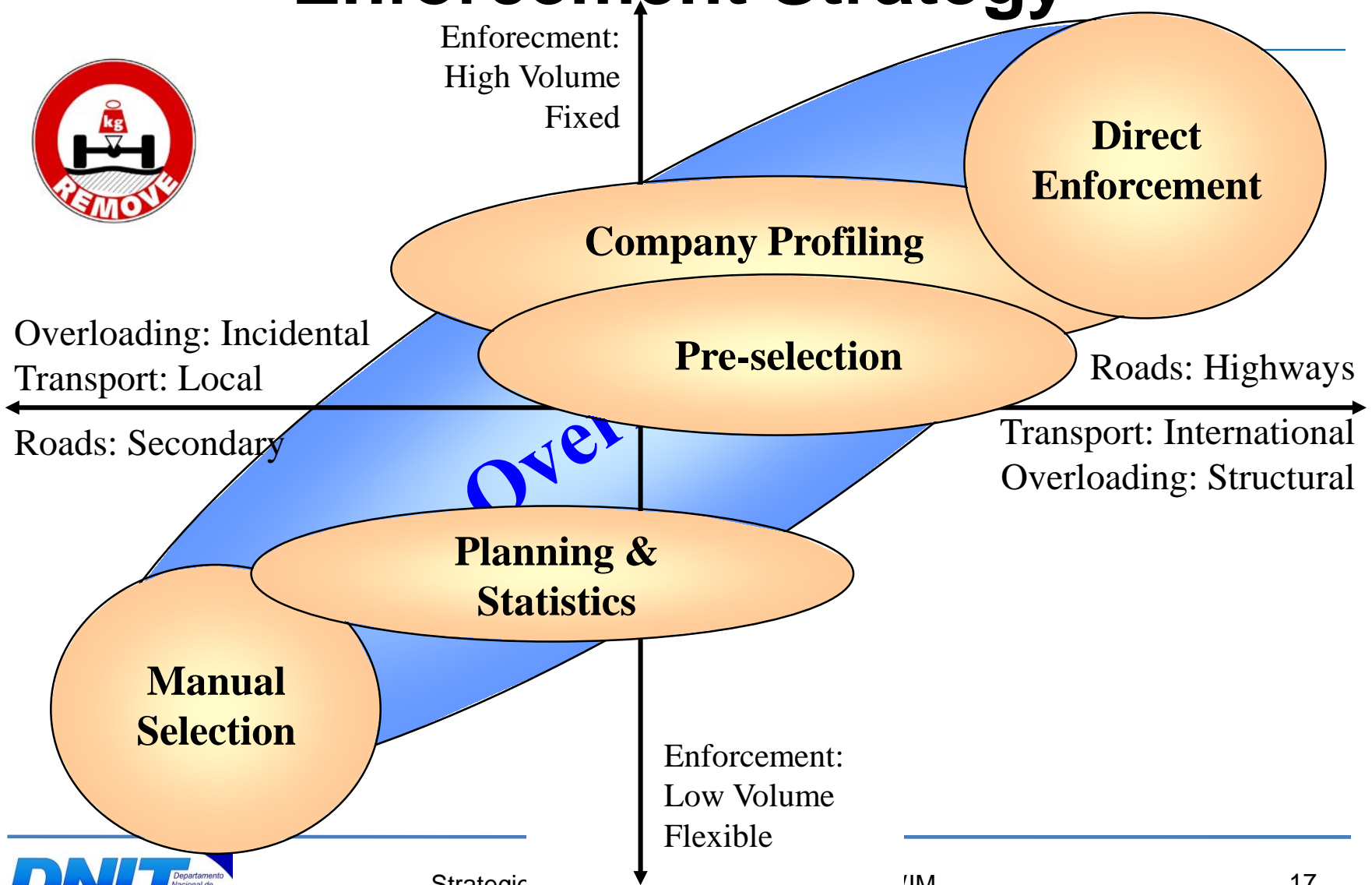
**Enforcement:  
Low Volume  
Flexible**

# Enforcement Strategy

Application	Pro's	Con's
Manual Selection	Flexibility for special situations	Low efficiency
Statistics & Planning	More effective controls	No identification of violators
Pre-selection	Efficient controls, Hit rate > 95%	Only local effects, Evasion possible
Company Profiling	Focus on compliance + Cheat companies	New way of working
Direct Enforcement	Highly efficient High traffic volumes	Expensive systems, Not (yet) accepted



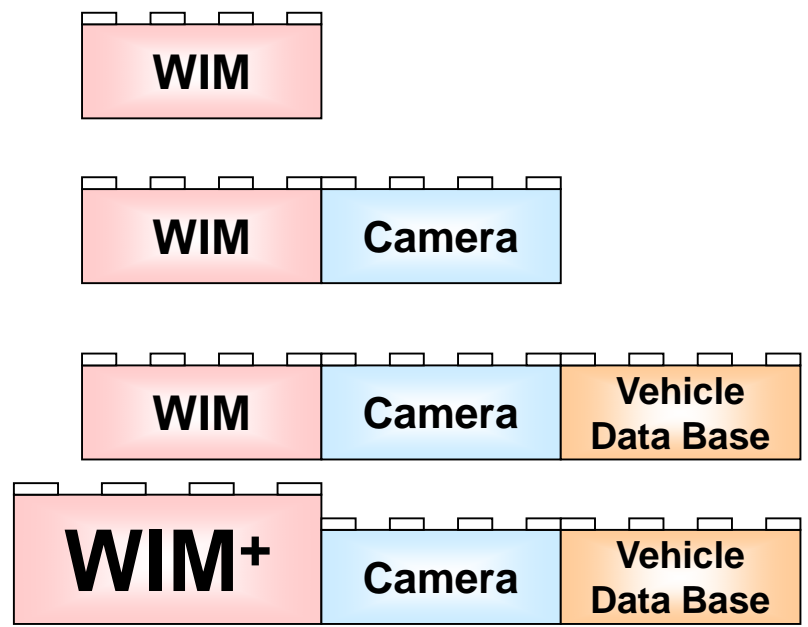
# Enforcement Strategy



# Enforcement Strategy

## LEGO Approach

- Manual Selection + Other
- Statistics & Planning
- Pre-selection
- Company Profiling
- Direct Enforcement
- Other Solutions



# Conclusions

- Overloading by heavy trucks has serious social and economic consequences.
- The right mix of enforcement applications will reduce the overloading problem.
- WIM offers different applications to improve weight enforcement operation.
- Quality of WIM data is crucial
  - Technology, Installation, Maintenance,
  - Data Quality Management

# Questions

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*Thank you for  
your attention*

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