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As far as fatigue goes yous are barking up the wrong tree and always have been.

Its not the driving thats the issue, its the loading and unloading of trailers at either end which most drivers wont put in the logbook. I would propose that any frieght company over a certain size be made to hire an acceptable number of people to do curtains, straps and whatever else so the driver can rest before undertaking a trip as opposed to the 3..4 hours work that sometimes gets put in before a 12 or 14 hour drive.the driver shouldn't be allowed to touch the load and simply requiring them to put loading hours in a logbook wont cut it because theres no way to police it