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HMRC Withdrawal of TOMS Eligibility...

HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) has outlined Government plans to exclude trade use of the *Tour Operators' Margin Scheme* (TOMS). This followed the Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcement in the Autumn Budget 2025. It is set to take effect, upon legislative change, from 2nd January 2026...

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Home Office Publishes VAWG Strategy...

The Home Office has published its '*Freedom from Violence & Abuse...*' (VAWG) Strategy. It affirms the Government's ambition to halving violence against women, and girls, within a decade. The wider approach includes, as an amendment to the *English Devolution & Community Empowerment Bill*, introduction of national minimum standards for the licensed trade...

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Home Office Launches Grooming Gangs Inquiry...

The Home Office has launched an '*Independent Inquiry into Grooming Gangs*'. This follows the publication of Baroness Casey's '*National Audit on Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation & Abuse*' in June 2025. A key focus, based on Baroness Casey's findings, will be addressing weaknesses within the licensing of taxis...

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HL Considers English Devolution Bill...

The House of Lords (HL) has completed its Second Reading of the *English Devolution & Community Empowerment Bill*. It included consideration of proposed new powers enabling the Transport Secretary to set national minimum standards. The Bill now moves to the Committee Stage on 20th January 2026...

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DfT Issues Call for Evidence on Automated Vehicles...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has issued a call for evidence on '*Developing the Automated Vehicles Regulatory Framework*'. It seeks views, as regards provisions within the *Automated Vehicles Act 2024*, to support the development of rules, guidance and principles. The Call will close on 5th March 2026...

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Other News...

- > [Hillingdon Council's Public Spaces Protection Order 2025 results in over 6,000 parking fines \(22nd December 2025\)](#)...
- > [House of Lords concludes its consideration of the Employment Rights Bill and Royal Assent is given for it to be enacted into law \(18th December 2025\)](#)...
- > [Transport for London \(TfL\) approves a retrofit exhaust system for London Taxi Company TX4 \(Euro\) taxis \(18th December 2025\)](#)...
- > [National Highways finds over 2,500 wrongful speed camera activations resulting in fines for drivers \(16th December 2025\)](#)...
- > [Department for Transport responds to a House of Commons question on requiring drivers register with their home local authority \(3rd December 2025\)](#)...
- > [Employment Tribunal finds Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council discriminated against two taxi drivers \(1st December 2025\)](#)...

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