



Global Intelligence Note

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The SensiGuard™ Supply Chain Intelligence Center (SCIC) presents a summary of major incidents and news articles relating to cargo theft and intelligence for the week ending 31 August 2018.

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EMEA

Denmark



29 August 2018: Legal proceedings determined that a Danish road carrier was not liable for the October 2016 theft of its cargo of high-value tobacco products. The driver of the truck was not informed that the scheduled delivery time in Spain (18 October 2016) had been moved to two days later (20 October 2016). Upon delivery on the original date, the delivery was rejected, so the driver parked overnight at a secured service station. During the night between 18 and 19 October 2016, tobacco products were stolen from the trailer.

Read more: [International Law Office](#)

France



31 August 2018: Repeated fuel thefts in the Loire are worrying drivers and hauliers. Last weekend, the equivalent of twenty jerry cans of gasoline was stolen in minutes. Fuel thefts have become “a huge problem,” says Sylvie Plotton, of the Loire National Federation of Road Carriers. Not a week goes by without drivers seeing their trucks fuel siphoned off.

Read more: [Le Progrès \(France\)](#)

South Africa



27 August 2018: A truck transporting hundreds of packets of chips was hijacked while leaving Finro Cash and Carry in **Grahamstown Road, Sydenham**. Police spokesman said that a black vehicle with three occupants forced the truck off

the road shortly after it drove off from Finro's. "Three men, one with a firearm, approached the driver. The driver was held at gunpoint and forced to drive the truck while the other suspects followed in the car," he said. "The men directed the driver to a storage depot on Cape Road in Greenbushes where they off loaded several packets of chips off the truck." The driver was then forced to drive into the suburb of St. Albans where the truck was left on the side of the road. The truck was later recovered with the driver in the back.

Read more: [Herald Live \(South Africa\)](#)



25 August 2018: JMPD arrested a man who is suspected of *Hijacking* trucks. Tembisa South SAPS communication officer said police, based on a tip-off, proceeded to a given address in **Jiyane Section, Tembisa**. "On arrival, JMPD

officers found the suspect and asked for permission to search the place. The officers found two SAPS baseball caps, one SAPS reflector jacket, a removable siren, a portable dash blue light, two balaclavas and two pairs of gloves.

Read more: [The Tembisan \(South Africa\)](#)



24 August 2018: A group of men brazenly stole goods from the back of a truck which was parked near a warehouse in **Umgeni Road, Durban**. The incident, which was captured on CCTV cameras, showed a kombi stop alongside the truck that

was parked outside the entrance to the warehouse. The truck had brought goods on pallets to deliver to the store which had not yet opened. The video captures how the men ripped open the side canvas and began offloading the goods into the kombi without fear. The driver, who was in the cab at the time, attempted to drive off but the men had sabotaged the truck so it could not move.

Read more: [Independent Online \(South Africa\)](#)

Germany



31 August 2018: Criminals gained access to a company premises on the Werkstraße in **Zwickau**. From a warehouse, they stole 73 retreaded truck tyres and 11 new tyres valued around €20,600.

Read more: [TV Westsachsen \(Germany\)](#)



30 August 2018: Criminals cut the trailer curtains on a truck parked at Raststätte Kraichgau Süd on the A6 and stole between eight and ten new truck tyres from it. No value has been declared yet for the theft.

Read more: [Mannheimer Morgen \(Germany\)](#)



29 August 2018: A driver stopped at the fuel station Autohof Pfalzfeld on the A61 in **Rhineland-Palatinate**. During the night, he heard noises coming from his trailer and left his cab to investigate. He found two men with his trailer doors

open, unloading his cargo. Following an altercation in which the driver suffered minor injuries, the two men escaped. This location has a history of cargo theft that dates back to 2015
Source: *K&N Ring Alert*



28 August 2018: A member of a truck curtain slashing gang appeared in court in Leipzig and admitted his part in the theft of vacuum cleaners from a truck at Birkenwald Rest Area on the A14 in May 2018. Investigators have

said there were two parts to this gang—the "followers", who sought out trucks, made small unobtrusive cuts in the trailer curtains and using a telescopic camera checked what the cargo was onboard; and the "unloaders", who took over following the targeted truck and emptied the trailer of the cargo under the cover of darkness. The man was the lookout at the entrance to the parking area, but on the night in question it didn't work so well, leading to his arrest.

Read more: [Leipziger Volkszeitung \(Germany\)](#)

United Kingdom



29 August 2018: Criminals cut the trailer curtains on a truck parked overnight at Blyth Motorway Services on the A1M near **Workshop**. While the driver was in his cab,

they stole fashion clothing products from the trailer.

Source: NaVCIS



29 August 2018: Four semitrailers at Donington Park Motorway Services on the M1 (J23A) near **Castle Donington** were targeted by criminals and had several products stolen from them.

Source: NaVCIS



28 August 2018: Criminals targeted two semitrailers at Tamworth Motorway Services at Junction 10 on the M42. They cut the locks and seals on the rear doors of the trailer, but additional security locks prevented them from gaining further entry.

Source: NaVCIS



24 August 2018: Thieves forced their way into a truck while it was parked overnight at Durham Services, near **Bowburn** at junction 61 of the A1 (M). They stole a box of designer shirts.

Read more: [The Northern Echo \(U.K.\)](#)

Belgium



29 August 2018: A shooting incident was reported at the truck parking area of **Jabbeke**, with at least two injured migrants. Eight migrants were arrested by the Police. This

incident involved a violent clash between migrants from different countries but it is relevant due to it taking place on a truck parking area. Since this occurred, the Mayor of Jabbeke has closed this truck parking area at night between 20:00 and 06:00. Extra caution should be taken if there is a need to use any parking locations between Brussels, BE and the Channel Ports.

Source: Wim DeKeyser



27 August 2018: A major copper theft was discovered at the heart of a cable manufacturing company in **Dour-Elouges**. After entering the company, the thugs stole the product with the help of hoists. The trucks used for the theft

were found burned on a country road between Maubray and Péruwelz. Only one of the two loaded trailers could be carried away by the thieves. The exact amount of the theft is not known, but it could reach several hundred thousand euros.

Read more: [RTBF \(Belgium\)](#)

APAC

Vietnam



29 August 2018: Hanoi's People's Court has sentenced a former Customs Officer and his accomplice to sixteen years in prison for embezzlement after the two were caught stealing seized ivory and rhino horn from a

customs warehouse and replacing the goods with fakes. A third man was sentenced to two years for trading prohibited goods, according to Vietnamese media sources. Last July, the Hanoi Customs Department discovered that ivory was missing from the warehouse. Further investigation by Hanoi police revealed that the warehouse manager had been stealing ivory and rhino horn and his friend was replacing it with replicas made out of plastic and wood. The illegal goods were then passed to another man, who sold them onwards for a commission. The group stole a total of nearly 240 kg of ivory and 6.1 kg of rhino horn pieces over April and May 2017. Pieces of ivory, as well as ivory bracelets, statues, and an 80 cm elephant tusk were recovered from one of the men's houses. The case raises questions about the security of seizures and the need for a robust ivory and rhino horn stock management system in Vietnam to prevent future thefts.

Read more: [Traffic.org](#)

China



29 August 2018: Seven people died after a cargo ship sank in Beijiang River, in China's Guangdong Province. The ship capsized and sank at 11:30 p.m. on Monday. All seven bodies had been recovered by 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday.

A team will be sent to salvage the wreck of the ship and further investigation will follow.

Read more: [Mid-Day \(India\)](#)

India



26 August 2018: Police arrested a 35-year-old man and recovered from his possession 4,239 mobile phones, worth 87 lakh, allegedly stolen from the warehouse of an electronics company in Sector 12, **Gurugram** in May. The accused is the alleged

kingpin of a gang that stole electronic goods from India and sold them in Nepal through a network of aides in the border regions. He was allegedly involved in 27 cases of theft and snatching. The police said the accused and his accomplices—three of whom were arrested in May and August—are all history offenders.

Read more: [Hindustani Times \(India\)](#)



25 August 2018: A cashew distributor, who stole 1,980kg of cashew nuts worth 16 lakh from a warehouse, was arrested by the **Vyalikaval** police within 24 hours after the incident was reported. The man committed the theft after

suffering huge losses. The theft came to light when the cashew trader went to the warehouse the next day. He immediately filed a complaint stating that 198 tins containing cashew were stolen by unknown persons using a duplicate key.

Read more: [New Indian Express](#)

North & South America

Brazil



29 August 2018: A decision of the Justice determines measures for the reinforcement of road policing in the São Paulo section of Fernão Dias Highway. The Federal Highway

Police (PRF) is expected to increase police force. The bases of Atibaia and Vargem, which now work partially, should be used again during the day in 90 days. A new base should be built at km 82, in the Guarulhos stretch, in 180 days. The Public Prosecutor's Office understands the decrease in the number of police officers in the 3rd PRF Police Station, in Atibaia, is one of the causes that directly influenced crime rates. In 2014, there were 54 policemen; currently, that number has dropped to 44.

Read more: [Globo G1 \(Brazil\)](#)



28 August 2018: A truck carrying twelve tons of chicken meat was stolen at BR 386, near the exit for **Montenegro**. The driver was attacked by three individuals who were armed

and wearing masks. They shot in the direction of the truck to force the driver to stop, then forced the truck driver into a car and covered his head. They drove around with him for about an hour and a half until being released in the municipality of Pareci Novo. The Civil Police is investigating this robbery to see if there is a connection with other thefts occurring recently in BR 386 and RSC 287.

Read more: [Fato Novo \(Brazil\)](#)



27 August 2018: A truck loaded with meat was recovered after being robbed near a supermarket distribution center in the neighborhood of Sítio Cercado, in **Curitiba**.

The truck driver was approached by three armed men and locked in the trunk of a vehicle, where he remained for five hours. After imprisoning the driver, they left the vehicle in the woods and fled with the truck. On the way, when they noticed the presence of the police, they left the vehicle with the cargo. The meat load, valued at R\$ 220,00 was recovered. The truck driver was found by the police shortly afterwards and released.

Read more: [Ric Mais \(Brazil\)](#)



25 August 2018: Criminals invaded a carrier and took a load of *Pharmaceuticals* valued at R\$ 1.3 million, at Mooca, in **São Paulo**. The criminals cut the wires that fed the alarm system and telephones. They took the

security cameras, in addition to 120 boxes in two carrier's vans. Criminals took high-cost medicines that rely on refrigeration, such as some used in cancer treatment.

Read more: [Globo G1 \(Brazil\)](#)



24 August 2018: The National Chamber of Cargo Transport (Canacar) has reported a total of seventeen truck driver deaths as of 2017, all of which were a result of the growing insecurity on the nation's highways. Cargo thieves are

employing increasingly violent tactics to intercept cargo units, firing at drivers if they do not stop immediately and physically assaulting them once intercepted. In this same period, Canacar has also reported that at least 150 companies in the sector have been forced out of business not only because of security threats, but because of the rising operational costs associated with remaining in the now high-risk sector.

Mexico



28 August 2018: Federal Police rescued two truck drivers from cargo thieves. After receiving reports of the presence of armed men near kilometer 225 of highway Mexico-Veracruz, officers located two cargo vehicles and their respective drivers, having

been intercepted by the thieves just moments earlier. After a brief exchange of gunfire, the criminals managed to escape, leaving both trailers with their cargo intact.



23 August 2018: After neighbors reported that a group of men had abandoned a trailer nearby, Cunduacán Municipal Police located a property where a 28-year-old male was found guarding five trailers, all of which had been reported as stolen.

The man was taken into custody and investigations are ongoing to locate the other participants in these thefts.



27 August 2018: New hours of service regulations for truck drivers have gone into effect. The HOS rules require that drivers rest for

a minimum of 30 minutes for every five hours driven, and a minimum of eight hours after driving for a maximum of 14 hours. The regulations, which are the first of their kind in Mexico, have faced opposition from the trucking sector, particularly because of the lack of security and rest stops currently available. Per the Confederation of Industrial Chambers (CONCAMIN), the government should delay implementation until they can provide drivers with enough rest stops to be able to comply; however, the government has shown no signs of conceding to this request.

U.S. & Canada



30 August 2018: Key U.S. and Canadian government figures met again, book-ended by meetings of lower-level trade officials set to work through the night. U.S. President Donald Trump and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau signaled Wednesday an accord could be reached.

Read more: [Bloomberg](#)



27 August 2018: A truck driver has been arrested in connection to a scheme involving stealing numerous semi-trailers from truck stops in the El Paso area and transporting them into Mexico.

Read more: [CDL Life](#)



27 August 2018: A 53-foot semi-truck and trailer were stolen from an Ohio lot just after midnight. Surveillance video shows a pick-up pulling up and a person getting out the vehicle and into the semi and trailer. The trailer had tires inside; the Delphos Police

Department is working on getting video from the theft.

Read more: [WLIO-TV \(Lima, OH\)](#)



23 August 2018: For generations, most of California's marijuana crop has been shipped out of state, handled by "well-oiled" illicit distributors. Distributors aren't expecting much competition,

or help, from existing logistics and transportation companies. Operators that serve other industries must be licensed specifically to handle cannabis, and they would have to build or lease new facilities that comply with state regulations and operate only in cash.

Read more: [Wall Street Journal](#)



22 August 2018: A truck carrying 7,000 pounds of lobster has crashed in Maine, sending the live crustaceans spilling onto the roadway. Authorities say the driver

drifted off the right shoulder and hit an embankment, causing the truck to roll over. The driver has been hospitalized with minor injuries. The truck was carrying 60 to 70 crates of lobster, and traffic was backed up for hours as crews worked to clean up the crustaceans.

Read more: [Boston.com](#)



21 August 2018: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is considering changes to four areas of the existing hours-of-service regulations, and has requested feedback from the public. The agency said it is considering

expanding the 100 air-mile "short-haul" exemption to 14 hours on-duty from 12 hours, extending the current 14-hour, on-duty limitation by up to two hours when a driver encounters "adverse" conditions, changing the mandatory 30-minute break after eight hours of continuous driving, and reinstating the option for splitting up the required 10-hour, off-duty rest break for drivers operating vehicles with a sleeper.

Read more: [FleetOwner.com](#)

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