



**To:**  
Driver of stationary vehicle

**Our reference:**  
RWS/VWM/

**Subject:**  
Stopping on the hard shoulder / emergency refuge area when it is not necessary

Dear Driver,

You have stopped your vehicle on the hard shoulder / emergency refuge area of a motorway. Your vehicle poses a danger to road safety and causes an inconvenience to other traffic. This is a situation that we wish to avoid. According to Article 43 paragraph 3 of the Road Traffic and Traffic Signals Regulations, it is prohibited by Dutch law (Art. MR465c / MR472c) to stop on the hard shoulder / emergency refuge area when it is not necessary. You have received an official report for this.

The offence you have committed will cost you €..... This amount includes administration costs. This penalty amount cannot be paid to me directly. The payment method will be explained later in this letter.

You are obliged to follow the instructions of the special investigating officer.

If you wish, we can call in an interpreter to explain the process. You do not need to pay for the interpreter as it will be covered by the Rijkswaterstaat.

You are obliged to hand over your identification document, registration documents and driving licence to the special investigating officer of the Rijkswaterstaat. In order for everything to proceed as quickly as possible, please write down your name and address (in block letters).

If you do not follow the instructions mentioned above, you are committing a crime and will be arrested by the special investigating officer and handed over to the police! Rijkswaterstaat will then engage a recovery company to move your vehicle at your own expense.

You are also entitled to legal counsel (at your own expense). Please indicate whether or not you are going to engage legal counsel. You are not obliged to answer. Please indicate whether or not you wish to make a statement.

Within a few weeks you will receive a giro collection form at your home address. This will cover the penalty mentioned above and must be paid in full. If you wish to file an objection, the procedure is fully explained on the reverse side of this letter or in the appendices attached to it.

Yours sincerely,

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER MANAGEMENT  
On whose behalf,  
The Director of Traffic and Water Management,

Mr K. Visser