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The VIASAT RESEARCH in 2020: HEAVY TRUCK THEFTS IN ITALY THEY ARE 1,429 - NEARLY HALVED IN A YEAR

This is more than positive, and clearly against the trend. **In 2019 in Italy, 1429 trucks were stolen, compared to over 3000 in 2018 - a yearly reduction of 42.3%.** The number of recovered trucks remained more or less the same. How can we fight this? With technology. These are the main topics emerging from the **2020 Road Transport Dossier 2020 by Viasat Group**, soon to be published.

THE RESEARCH: PERCENTAGES DROPPING IN EVERY ITALIAN REGION – according to the statistics processed by the Italian Polizia Stradale, almost **119 heavy trucks are stolen each month (283 in 2018) - 4 per day.** **Apulia** still holds the torch as the highest risk region in Italy, with 260 thefts per year. **Lombardy** (246) and **Campania** (204) follow closely. Next in line are: **Sicily** (131), **Lazio** (125), **Emilia Romagna** (95). However, all these regions showed a substantial decrease over the previous year.

On the recovered trucks front, however, news are not as good. **Only 47% of the heavy trucks are recovered, less than half of those stolen,** which is an ever so slight improvement over 2018 (40%). In short, all too often consumer electronics products such as TVs, tablets, smartphones, computers, household appliances, together with tires, drugs, cigarettes, as well as clothing and food products are disappearing into thin air, causing tremendous economic damage to transport and logistics companies.

HOW TO COMBAT THE PHENOMENON: THE MAJOR ROLE OF SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY – “Technology– **explains Domenico Petrone, President of Viasat Group** – is certainly an effective deterrent, which can help establish a widespread control of the territory and support investigation activities. In fact, about **40% of arrests are made in flagrante delicto.** It was estimated that, by the end of 2021, one heavy transport vehicle out of three will be made active from a satellite telematics standpoint. In short, we can fight Cargo Crime with innovation, tracking and locating vehicles and goods in real time.”

Today's state-of-the-art solutions allow us to generate automatic alarms, which Fleet Managers can use to detect unauthorized vehicle movement, tailgate openings and trailer releases. Viasat provides for 40 automatic alarms managed by the H24 Operations Center, which also make it possible, in case of failed driver identification, to inhibit vehicle start-up and to call the police in case of theft or danger. "Statistics - **continues Domenico Petrone** - attest to the effectiveness of the satellite and IoT technologies offered by Viasat. Compared to the national figures, we are witnessing fewer thefts and a significantly higher percentage of vehicle recoveries.

Moreover, the **Viasat high security functions** are an effective way to counter vehicle robberies carried out with the help of frequency jammers, thanks to specialized operators who can monitor the most sensitive shipments, promptly detecting potential anomalous events".

Who is VIASAT GROUP S.p.A. – *An European excellence in the field of satellite security systems that integrate the latest communication technologies in order to ensure the complete safety of the vehicle and its occupants. It is active in the markets of satellite alarm systems, Insurance telematics, fleet management and Big Data. It is part of Viasat Group which, since 2002, has grown to become one of the economically strongest in our country, boasting a presence, either direct or through local distributors, in 69 countries across Europe, Africa, Middle East and Latin America, with more than 770 employees (as of 31/12/2018).*

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