



Union Européenne des Transporteurs Routiers

Madam MP,
Mr. deputy

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As you already know, due to the uncertainties on the final situation of road freight transport conditions between the UK and Europe, significant problems have been generated in recent days on the French access roads to Calais for cross the Channel.

This situation, despite the measures adopted by the French regional authorities, results in very long lines of heavy goods vehicles of several kilometers which intend to access the port and reach the United Kingdom.

Drivers waiting in traffic jams on the A 16 motorway are forced to hitchhike for long hours. This phenomenon greatly hinders compliance with Regulation 561/2006 on driving and rest time for European road drivers.

This is the reason why UNOSTRA in synergy with the UETR of which it is a founding member, is asking you so that as an elected representative you challenge the European institutions and in particular the European Commissioner for Transport Mrs. Adina-Ioana Vălean on this situation. It is urgent that a specific derogation be put in place on the respect of driving and rest times, in certain situations, such as Brexit.

In fact, in the current state of this regulation, when the drivers have reached 9 hours of waiting before entering the port, once the crossing has been completed, they no longer have the possibility of continuing their delivery: their driving time. being exhausted. This leads to delivery delays and infacturable working time for the customers of small and medium-sized enterprises in road transport.

These measures are essential so that European truck drivers, victims of this situation, are not considered as offenders and as a result sanctioned.

Thanking you in advance for the attention you will pay to our request and awaiting further contact

Best regards,

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General Delegate