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Latest news and information update for members

Haulage Strategy Published 15th December
2022



Ireland's Road Haulage
Strategy 2022-2031



The strategy has seven thematic sections.

They are:

1. Brexit, COVID-19 & Crisis Management
2. Sustainability & Decarbonisation
3. Road Infrastructure and Usage Charging
4. Integrated Transport Planning and Intermodal Transport
5. Road Safety & Enforcement
6. The EU Mobility Package and Road Transport Operator Licensing
7. Labour Market & Skills.

The Strategy introduces 39 actions that are categorised as Short term (to be actioned within 2-3 year timeframe) and 'Enablers for medium to long term progress which will ensure the delivery of policy objectives over the full term (up to 2031)

The strategy will be reviewed in 2027 by the Department of Transport

Download a summary of the Actions here:

https://fta365-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/personal/aflynn_ftai_ie/EQ8Ok_ywwJhLtlZ3yeBpX3gBJJ8IDBegxiv04jSjixvRw?e=W2Yma3

Download the strategy here:
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/7e926-irelands-road-haulage-strategy-20222031/#:~:text=The%20strategy%20will%20focus%20on,objectives%2C%20in%20particular%20for%20decarbonisation.>



Best Wishes for 2023

I hope our first e-news of 2023 finds you in good health and looking forward to a busy and prosperous 2023! For sure there is never a dull moment whether you are involved in retail distribution, passenger transport, international or national haulage services etc. Our thanks and appreciation are extended to all our members and your very important staff, drivers, transport managers, planners, warehouse operatives who have stepped up to the mark over the last number of very turbulent years. All our learned experiences during the Brexit planning, and Covid years are standing our industry in good stead. We are in a good position to deal with the new challenges that will be laid down by the continuing disruptions to international supply chains, the requirements to comply with the Climate Act [Climate Action plan] and the innovations required to future proof our business as we seek to reduce emissions and drive efficiencies into the distribution of goods. All of these issues have actually given us what we have wanted over the years and that is 'recognition' of the importance of our businesses to the Irish Economy and respect for the work that you and your employees do on a daily basis. We can see evidence of this in the newly published 'Ireland Road Haulage Strategy 2022-2031 and the Climate Action plan, where for the first-time haulage and road freight services are demanding a focus from Government that hadn't been as obvious before. Working in collaboration as an industry is vitally important to ensure that our industry and all that work in it are represented effectively and most importantly that we as a collective demonstrate levels of professionalism that make our businesses more attractive to discerning young

People seeking job and career opportunities. There is a skills shortage, and the lack of available suitably skilled talent is having the impact of curtailing expansion ambitions and restricting business ability to plan effectively. We all must continue to play our part in working on solutions in this regard.

FTA Ireland will continue to engage with stakeholders representing our members interests in a pro-active and professional manner in 2023. We appreciate your support and encourage you to get engaged with us through 1:1 meetings, council meetings and briefings and highlight the key issues impacting your business. It is critical that our policy position is informed through your feedback. As you know we do this in a number of ways as mentioned above but also through working groups such as the Alternative Fuels Working Group [<https://www.ftai.ie/alternative-fuels-working-group>] and the Airport Night Flights Working Group; Haulage Strategy and Brexit working groups for example.

TruckSafe is recognised by the Road Safety Authority as a Leading Light in Road Safety and we look forward to more members participating in this unique standard that is also acknowledged in the Governments Haulage Strategy. www.ftai.ie/trucksafe

<https://www.ftai.ie/fta-irelands-trucksafe-drives-logistics-to-national-road-safety>

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and continued success in 2023. We look forward to continuing to work on your behalf over the coming 12 months. Aidan Flynn Jan '23

New Minister for Logistics 2023

Jack Chambers TD has been appointed as Minister for International & Road Transport & Logistics at the Department of Transport, as well as Minister for Postal Policy at the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications



Climate Action Plan 2023 Published December 2022

Download the plan here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/7bd8c-climate-action-plan-2023/#:~:text=The%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%202023,budgets%20and%20sectoral%20emissions%20ceilings.>

Page 183 of the plan relates to Transport

We will work on providing a briefing note (and briefings) on this over the coming weeks/months.

Some key points for consideration:

- Meeting our 2030 transport abatement targets will require transformational change and accelerated action across all key decarbonisation channels
- The emissions ceilings for transport agreed by Government set the required level of abatement to be achieved at the maximum of the range previously set out in CAP21, i.e., 50%.
- Significantly improving the attractiveness, capacity and frequency of public transport services is necessary to achieve the level of modal shift and associated reduction in fossil-fuelled vehicle kilometres travelled. This will require large-scale improvements to Public Service Obligation (PSO) public transport services
- Biofuels have played a significant role in reducing transport emissions and will remain a core transitional measure for the medium-term reduction of GHG emissions.
 - the transition to E10 in Ireland is envisaged by 2023
- **Page 201 - Special Focus: Haulage and Heavy Goods Road Freight Sector**
- Collectively, the commercial goods fleet comprises over 385,000 commercial vehicles (end December 2021)
- EU's CO2 standards for heavy-duty vehicles (HDV), is expected to compel manufacturers to increase the supply of zero- or low-emission vehicles to the market, with a full phase-out of the production of new fossil-fuelled HDVs at a European level by 2040
- Biofuels will play an important transitional role – the renewable transport fuel obligation scheme will see the renewable fuel blend in diesel increase to 20% by 2030
- **lack of immediate alternatives means a majority of HGV operators will be subject to a continued reliance on diesel fuel. As the majority of emissions abatement by 2030 will be carried by decarbonisation of the private car fleet and shift to sustainable transport, the overall abatement required of the heavy goods sector will be to deliver a c.10% reduction in emissions relative to 2018 levels.**

- In recognition of the sector's exposure to the rising fuel cost trajectory envisioned under carbon tax increases that will be required to reduce the 'competitive advantage' held by fossil-fueled vehicles over sustainable alternatives, the DoT is engaged in further research regarding taxation and renewable fuels used in the sector.

Table 15.4 - Expected Levels of Emissions Change to 2025

Modelled Growth/Reduction in Emissions	Car	HGV	LGV	PT	Other	Total (Mt CO ₂ eq.)
Demographic Growth	0.04	0.48	-0.08	-0.01	0.34	0.77
Sustainable Transport and Behavioural Change	-0.36	-0.21	-0.06	-	-0.09	-0.72
Electrification and Vehicle Technology	-1.33	-	-0.10	-0.17	-0.36	-1.96
Biofuels	-0.22	-0.14	-0.04	-0.02	-0.11	-0.53
Total	-1.87	0.14	-0.28	-0.19	-0.23	-2.45

Table 15.5 - Expected Levels of Emissions Change to 2030

Modelled Growth / Reduction in Emissions	Car	HGV	LGV	PT	Other	Total (Mt CO ₂ eq.)
Demographic Growth	0.62	0.73	0.01	-0.01	0.48	1.84
Sustainable Transport and Behavioural Change	-1.06	-0.27	-0.08	-	-0.68	-2.09
Electrification and Vehicle Technology	-2.99	-0.29	-0.22	-0.38	-0.86	-4.74
Biofuels	-0.36	-0.36	-0.11	-0.02	-0.24	-1.08
Total	-3.79	-0.19	-0.40	-0.41	-1.30	-6.08



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2023 CAP23

Changing Ireland for the Better



Green Standard Training

<https://www.ftai.ie/event/green-standard-training-gst-156>
17 - 18 Jan 2023



FTAI provide a range of membership driven safety and environmental standards: **TruckSafe**, **VanSafe** and the recently launched **PassengerSafe**. TruckSafe has bronze, silver and gold levels of increasing scrutiny and performance requirements. Since 2021 the Green Standard level has been available to silver and gold standard members, the safety standard is recognised by the Health and Safety Authority and Road Safety Authority, the Green Standard certification is backed by an Eprova funded fuel performance bonus paid annually for continuous improvement in L/100km (regulated under the EEDS by SDA). The scheme now wants to move on to a more formal training programme for those fleets applying for Green Standard accreditation.

This training course will equip Transport Managers with the skills and tools to review the efficiency of their truck fleet, and to introduce a fuel management program that can potentially save 5% of fuel use

In year 1. The course covers the five pillars of truck fleet efficiency: fuel management, driver and staff skills, vehicles and maintenance, performance monitoring and information technology. This two-day training explains the challenges, how to set science-based targets in line with Ireland's carbon budgets and most importantly **how to reduce fuel use, cost and emissions with the vehicles you have now.**

- 1 **Climate context and the business case**
- 2 **Significant users and activity data**
- 3 **Targets and opportunities**
- 4 **Get going action plan**
- 5 **Pitch (draft) action plan and policy**

Delivered as **2 full days in person** leading to a signed action plan.

Alternative Fuels Working Group



NEXT MEETING 24th January 2023

This will be a Hybrid meeting (in Person and online) starting at 13:30

Our first Alternative Fuels meeting of 2023 will take place on the 24th of January 2023 at 13:30.

Meetings will take place on the Last Tuesday of the month, most months of the year 1300-1500hrs

Sample Agenda

- 1300 Lunch & networking
- 1330 Climate Action of the Month (member recognition)
- Submit your measured results/figures, story (100-200 words) & photo by week before meeting to info@ftai.ie
 - Links back to your own website and press releases are vital.
- 1400 Members Updates (tour de table)
- 1410 Supplier' updates (tour de table)
- 1420 Guest speaker(s) followed by Q&A
- 1500 FTAI Updates
- AOB Reminders

As you will see in the Haulage Strategy decarbonisation of transport is a key focal point and we will use this regular meeting to have guest speakers covering key topics of interest for members as well as gaining feedback from members on the challenges to transition. With the establishment of a freight forum under the new strategy this group will play a key role in representing members points for inclusion in the ongoing discussions around alternative fuels.

If you are interested in attending the alternative fuels meeting please email aflynn@ftai.ie

2023 Council Meeting Dates

- Wednesday 8th March 2023
- Tuesday 30th May 2023
- Thursday 31st August 2023
- Thursday 21st November 2023

Passenger Safe Membership

www.passengersafe.ie

- Dedicated website for PSV members www.passengersafe.ie
- Recognised audit for PSV fleet operators
- Driver Handbook
- Bespoke training services for PSV fleet operators

PassengerSafe Membership

Be Compliant, Be Confident, Be Connected



What is the PassengerSafe standard?

PassengerSafe™ is an industry wide standard that facilitates a path to continuous operational compliance but also provides recognition for commercial coach and bus fleet sector that meet their minimum legal operational obligations and from that endeavour to achieve sustainable operations through efficient fuel management and continuous professional development.

PassengerSafe™ audits operational compliance in the areas of vehicle & equipment maintenance, safe working environment, vehicle standards, driver licensing and competence, Road Passenger Transport Operator Licence, Customer Care, Sustainable operations, Contractor & agency management and Health and Safety. Members undertake an annual audit of their compliance in these areas. This process demonstrates members commitment to compliance and safety standards and also affords recognition for the company and team for the work being done to attain the highest possible compliance standards.

Who is the PassengerSafe standard for?

PassengerSafe™ is open to all coach and bus operations with vehicles in excess of 9 passenger seats in their operation regardless of type or size of operation. For the purposes of PassengerSafe™, a multi-passenger vehicle is defined as a commercial vehicle used for the carriage of passengers with a minimum of 9 passenger seats.

What does the audit cover?

The operator must provide the auditor with evidence that the PassengerSafe™ standards are being met and the auditor also looks for evidence of non-compliance. The standards are detailed below:

- Vehicle and equipment maintenance
- Safe working environment
- Vehicle standards
- Driver licensing and competence
- Road Passenger Transport Operator Licensing
- Professional competence
- Customer Care
- Environmental considerations
- Contractor and agency management
- Health and safety

What are the benefits to the operation of attaining the standard?

- ✓ Achievement of the PassengerSafe™ standard will demonstrate to enforcement authorities, customers, and the general public that you are compliant with minimum legal and operational standards.
- ✓ The company will also benefit from improved compliance levels and industry image, both within Ireland and abroad.
- ✓ The company has achieved an industry standard
- ✓ The company is demonstrating that it has active management systems in place to manage drivers' hours, maintenance, and driver qualifications

This is a risk management programme

- ✓ Improved safety standards - less risk of accident.
- ✓ Recognises the good work drivers are doing on the company's behalf.
- ✓ Improves reputation of the company.
- ✓ Ensures the company has a good Commercial Vehicle Operator Risk rating (CVOR) with the Road Safety Authority.
- ✓ Demonstrates a commitment to provide a good working environment and to protect all road users.
- ✓ The PassengerSafe™ Standard demonstrates the dedication and participation of drivers to the highest professional standards.
- ✓ The PassengerSafe™ standard can be used to show that the company has achieved a compliance standard when tendering for business.

Contact us today for further information.
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Vehicle Inspection Service



FTA Ireland's Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS) offers a wide range of services from inspections to training and auditing. Carried out on all types of vehicles including heavy goods vehicles, passenger carrying vehicles, vans and specialist vehicles, these inspections will provide peace of mind that you are complying with your legal undertakings, quality monitoring any maintenance providers and procedures, and in many cases will save you money.

Benefits of FTA Ireland's VIS

- Being at the forefront of industry developments, and a wealth of experience, has provided FTA Ireland with the tools to offer a wide range of inspections and audits, carried out by highly skilled engineers.
- Proven reductions in defects, prohibitions and repairs which in turn can produce significant cost savings.
- Peace of mind that your maintenance providers are protecting your interests and giving good value.
- Access to the wealth of knowledge that we have accrued from years of experience in the industry.
- A range of reports that can be tailored to suit your individual operational requirements.
- FTA Ireland's influence and position within the industry, which ensures all work is carried out in accordance with the latest industry developments and legislation.

VIS services by operation



Commercial Vehicle Inspections

A variety of inspections of your vehicles are available to help ensure safety, compliance and reduced downtime due to faults including roadworthiness, maintenance, pre-purchase due diligence inspections and inspections of lifting equipment (Loler).



Passenger Carrying Vehicle Inspections

A variety of passenger vehicle inspections to help ensure safety, compliance and reduced downtime due to faults.



Lifting Equipment Inspections

In addition to our regular Roadworthiness Inspections, FTA Ireland engineers can also carry out a full visual, operational and mechanical inspection of any lifting equipment including tail lifts, bin lifts and demountable body systems.



Driver Walk Around Check Audit

A Driver Walk Around Check Audit provides an independent stop and check at random on vehicles that are about to exit your premises.

These checks will enable you to quality monitor the competency of the drivers carrying out their routine checks and the number of driver detectable defects going unnoticed.