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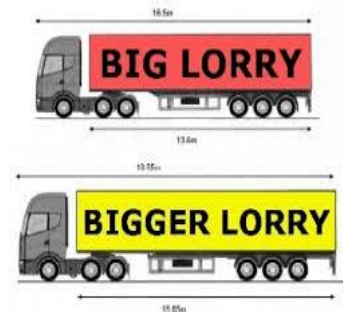
Latest news and information update for members

I hope this enews finds you well and enjoying the summer. This edition will include information on the following:

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Longer Trailer Trial – Department of Transport Survey

The longer trailer issue is Action 8 on the road haulage strategy and FTA Ireland have been working with the Department of Transport to explore the option of introducing a longer trailer trial. We now welcome the news that the Department are committed to developing a trial for the use of longer trailers of up to 15.6 meters to operate on a limited basis in the State. The weight limit will remain as it is currently. The initial trial is hoped to be for 5 years, with a possible extension.



The trial will be a national measure but will involve sharing information with the EU and may inform the policy area in the EU for future weights and dimensions directives. Participation in the trial would require some sharing of general information with the EU Commission.

The department are seeking members feedback on the trial to inform their decision-making process. I would encourage all members, even if you do not have a need or intend to use a longer trailer to complete the survey to support the introduction of the trial as it will have many benefits for those operators that want to avail of the new dimensions.

Please access the survey here: https://fta365-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/aflynn_ftai_ie/EbFAFXJKDP1GmGly7wzYUZsBrC9bcBx9klzenax7LyV8pQ?e=Vmd6Rc

All responses should be emailed to: DTRD@transport.gov.ie with the subject line “Longer Trailer Trial” by close of business on August 27, 2023.

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Post Brexit Trade

Charging arrangements at UK Government-run Border Control Posts (Common User Charge)

FTA Ireland are keeping an eye on the outcomes of consultations the UK Government have published namely the border target operating model and the most recent common user charge proposal. Our position is as follows:



- There is no detail on how Trusted Trader scheme membership will deliver benefits in this area. (in the consultation it stated “membership may exempt certain consignments from CUC”).
- Further detail and clarity is required on the charging mechanism, particularly when large volumes of goods are involved.
- The calculation method used to determine the range of charges out for consultation (annual estimated BCP operation costs divided by estimated annualised SPS consignments) is crude – we have serious concerns about the proposed charges, the scale of charges and justification for such exceptionally high costs.
- It is important that DEFRA urgently clarifies what the examination charges will be and publishes the costing model used to substantiate the operational costs to be recovered and the scale of charges proposed. Given the proposed charging range extends to £43 per consignment, it is also important that DEFRA sets out what action it is taking to ensure efficiency of BCP operations given examination costs seem to be so high.
- Further detail is also needed on the proposal to apply a £10 ‘discounted rate’ for low-risk animal product consignments.
- The range of proposed flat rate charges is exceptionally high. It is more than double the charge per lorry currently applied by the Port of Dover and is in addition to all other charges by the Port Health Authority and Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) for inspections and other charges, such as any customs checks.
- This new charge will increase business costs, and this will have a disproportionate impact on smaller businesses importing smaller volumes of lower value products.
 - £20 per consignment for a groupage operator would mean multiple charges per vehicle/container which may well be unaffordable for small businesses exporting to GB as well as for the haulage operators.

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Agri-food trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Impacts of the Windsor Framework Questionnaire:

https://defragroup.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5Pg0tM4yc2HXDw

This questionnaire should be completed by any agri-food business across the supply chain that is involved with the movement of goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland. To complete this form, you will need information about current trade to Northern Ireland, and the impact of labelling on your business; please use the [Windsor Framework Labelling guidance on GOV.UK](#) to assess this.

FTA Ireland Transport Manager Seminar



The annual FTA Ireland Transport Manager Seminar will take place in Johnstown House Hotel on the 19th of October 2023. More details on the event will be issued in the coming weeks. Representatives from the Road Safety Authority, ZEVl and Minister Jack Chambers are confirmed speakers. We will also be launching the 2023 edition of the Managers Guide to Distribution Costs Report. For more information please contact info@ftai.ie

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Managers Guide to Distribution Costs Survey

REMINDER:

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT PUBLICATION FOR THE FREIGHT DISTRIBUTION SECTOR BY COMPLETING THE SURVEY

You will have received a request from Mark O’Bornick mobornick@analytiqa.com seeking your participation in the survey. We are getting great feedback about this year’s approach, splitting out the data into three smaller sections, and participation levels and response rates have been great so far.

It is vital that we collect as much data as possible from fleet operators so that we can provide all stakeholders, yourself included, with the tools to manage your costs more effectively and improve your profitability. We deliver this analysis to you at no charge, but to do this we need you to contribute towards the research data.

We’re asking for one hour of your time, once per month, over a three-month period – that is all.

We plan to publish the report at our Transport Manager Seminar on the 19th of October and would therefore appreciate your feedback as soon as possible.

Managers Guide to Distribution Costs 2022

"A key reference document... helping both businesses and policy makers to plan for the future."
Hildegard Naughton T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Transport



Driver salaries
... average drivers' basic -salary

2019	2020	2021	2022
€ 34,394	€ 35,839	€ 37,090	€ 41,395

Training and HR costs
... Training costs per year per company employ

2019	2020	2021	2022
€ 223	€ 271	€ 312	€ 316

Optimisation of working capital
... share of respondents

FULLY	NOT AT ALL	SOMEWHAT
38.5%	7.7%	53.8%

Focus of capital expenditure
... share of respondents investing in

TECHNOLOGY	ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS	VEHICLES	WAREHOUSES	MACHINERY / EQUIPMENT
66.7%	75.0%	85.7%	16.7%	57.1%

(extracts from the report)



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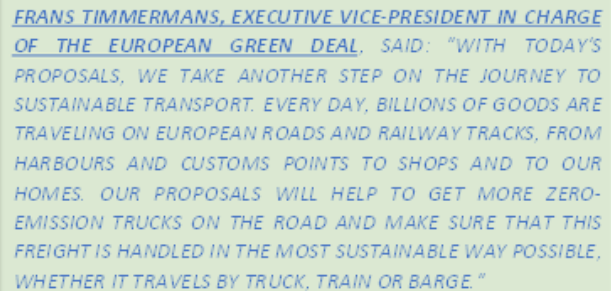
EU Update - Weights and dimensions - Eu commission revision – Green Deal

Green Deal¹: Greening freight for more economic gain with less environmental impact:

- July 2023 - New incentives for using low-emission lorries
 - The current **Weights and Dimensions Directive**² sets the

maximum weight length, width and height for heavy-duty vehicles. Recent EU proposal revises these rules to allow additional weight for vehicles using zero-emission technologies, as they tend to increase a vehicle's weight. This will incentivise the take-up of cleaner vehicles and technologies

- Once the technology develops and zero-emission propulsion systems become lighter, thanks also to the use of aerodynamic devices and cabs, cleaner vehicles will benefit from additional loading payload in comparison to conventional lorries.
- Clarity on the use in cross-border traffic, in certain conditions, of heavier and longer vehicles, which are allowed today in some Member States. This includes clarifying that Member States who allow European Modular Systems (EMS) in their territories, will also be able to use them in international operations among these neighboring Member States, without a need for a bilateral agreement and without a restriction of crossing only one border. This will mean the same amount of cargo can be carried in fewer trips.



FRANS TIMMERMANS, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL, SAID: "WITH TODAY'S PROPOSALS, WE TAKE ANOTHER STEP ON THE JOURNEY TO SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT. EVERY DAY, BILLIONS OF GOODS ARE TRAVELING ON EUROPEAN ROADS AND RAILWAY TRACKS, FROM HARBOURS AND CUSTOMS POINTS TO SHOPS AND TO OUR HOMES. OUR PROPOSALS WILL HELP TO GET MORE ZERO-EMISSION TRUCKS ON THE ROAD AND MAKE SURE THAT THIS FREIGHT IS HANDLED IN THE MOST SUSTAINABLE WAY POSSIBLE, WHETHER IT TRAVELS BY TRUCK, TRAIN OR BARGE."

CountEmissions EU: comparing carbon footprints³

- The Commission is proposing a common methodological approach for companies to calculate their greenhouse gas emissions if they choose to publish this information, or if they are asked to share it for contractual reasons.

¹ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/green-deal-greening-freight-more-economic-gain-less-environmental-impact-2023-07-11_en

² https://transport.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-07/COM_2023_445_0.pdf

³ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-07/COM_2023_441.pdf

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- The Proposal is based on the recently adopted ISO/CEN standard for the quantification and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions arising from the operation of transport chains of passengers and freight.
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Apprenticeship applications and registration



Any employer looking to recruit Logistics Associate Apprentices or HGV Driver Apprentices for the September 2023 start should ensure you are registered with SOLAS as approved to train apprenticeship.

DID YOU KNOW – WE CAN HELP ADVERTISE YOUR JOB VACANCIES!

Contact agorecka@laa.ie or info@cdap.ie to get your apprentice job vacancies promoted on social media, Apprenticeship Ireland and our websites www.laa.ie www.cdap.ie

Public consultation on the review of the occupations lists for employment permits⁴

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment invites submissions from representative bodies, government departments, agencies, and other interested parties to a public consultation to review the eligibility of occupations appearing on the Critical Skills Occupations List and the Ineligible Occupations List for employment permits.

Submissions close: 5pm, Friday, 18 August 2023

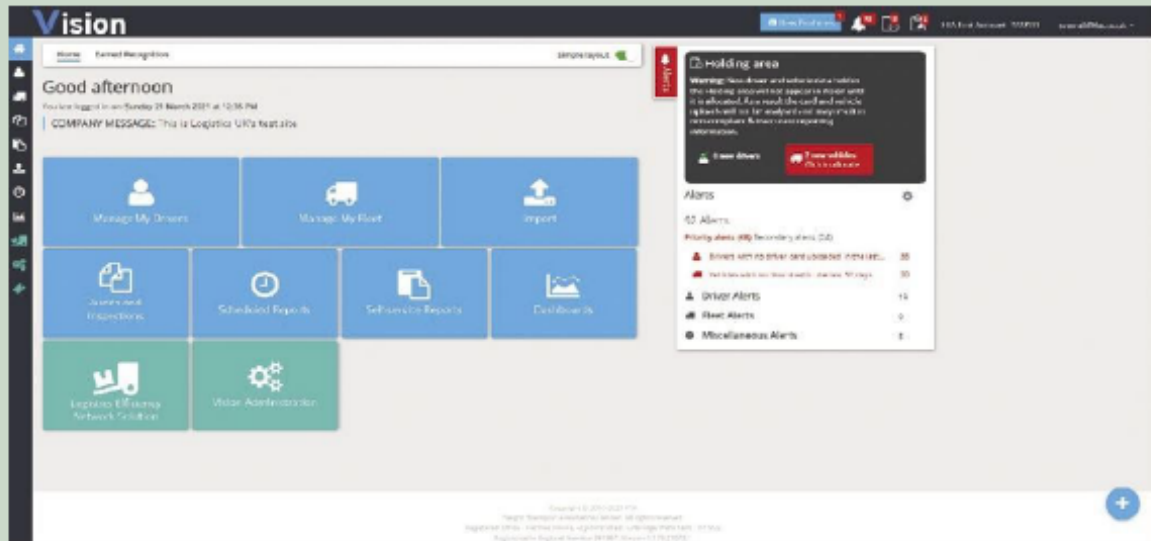
Enquiries and submission

All enquiries and submissions should be directed to EMPU@enterprise.gov.ie.

⁴ <https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/consultations/public-consultation-review-of-occupations-lists-2023.html>

Tachograph Support

Be Compliant, Be Confident, Be Connected



FTA Ireland Tachograph Analysis services are delivered through our cloud-based platform called 'Vision'. This is a powerful compliance management platform allowing users to manage driver and fleet compliance via a single portal. Vision provides almost instant access to driver and vehicle information, once a data upload has taken place, so users can quickly respond to any issues raised and prevent repeat errors arising in the future.

If you encounter a technical problem with Vision or with using your digital tachograph downloading equipment in conjunction with Vision please contact the Tachograph Customer Support Team for assistance and expert guidance. The Customer Support Team can also assist you with setting up new users to the system.

Why Choose FTA's Tachograph Services?

Competitively priced

We offer one of the most competitive, transparent pricing structures on the market. What's more, we include all driver and vehicle uploads and reporting

Compliance confidence

Tachograph compliance solutions from an organisation that understands logistics. We have over 30 years' experience of interpreting tachograph data

Vision compliance platform

Our cutting-edge tachograph analysis software, powered by Vision compliance platform, is cloud-based, meaning you can access, analyse and process data securely and with great flexibility and speed.

The full package

We can offer you the full solution to meet your business requirements at any level including full contract management service, a complete suite of dynamic reports, and benchmarking.

*For more information and for other tachograph service queries.
Please call 01 8447516 or email info@ftai.ie*