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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:**

1. [Longer Trailer Trial – Department of Transport Survey](#)
2. [TruckSafe Standard Awards – Council Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023](#)
3. [Rail Strategy Published](#)
4. [FTA Ireland Transport Manager Seminar](#)
5. [Managers Guide to Distribution Costs Report](#)
6. [UK Border Operating Model](#)
7. [UPS Seeking Service Partners](#)
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## Longer Trailer Trial – Department of Transport Survey – **FINAL REMINDER**

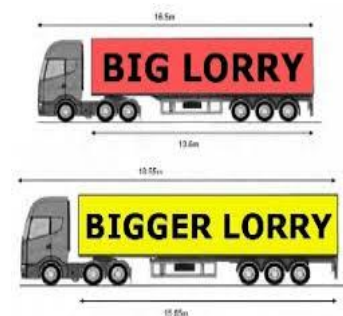
The longer trailer issue is Action 8 on the road haulage strategy and FTA Ireland have been working with the Department of Transport to explore the option of introducing a longer trailer trial. We now welcome the news that the Department are committed to developing a trial for the use of longer trailers 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](https://fta365-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/aflynn_ftai_ie/EbFAFXJKDP1GmGly7wzYUZsBrC9bcBx9klzenax7LyV8pQ?e=Vmd6Rc)

**All responses should be emailed to: [DTRD@transport.gov.ie](mailto:DTRD@transport.gov.ie) with the subject line “Longer Trailer Trial” asap.**



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**Congratulations to the following Members who have attained TruckSafe and VanSafe Standard awards in August 2023**

AUDIT PRESENTATIONS 31st AUGUST	
Company	Award
AA	Vansafe
ATC	Gold/Green
Certa	Gold/Green
Elsatrans	Gold/Green
Enva	Bronze
Martin Brower	Gold/Green
Perennual Freight	Gold
PRL	Gold/Green
South Coast	Gold/Green

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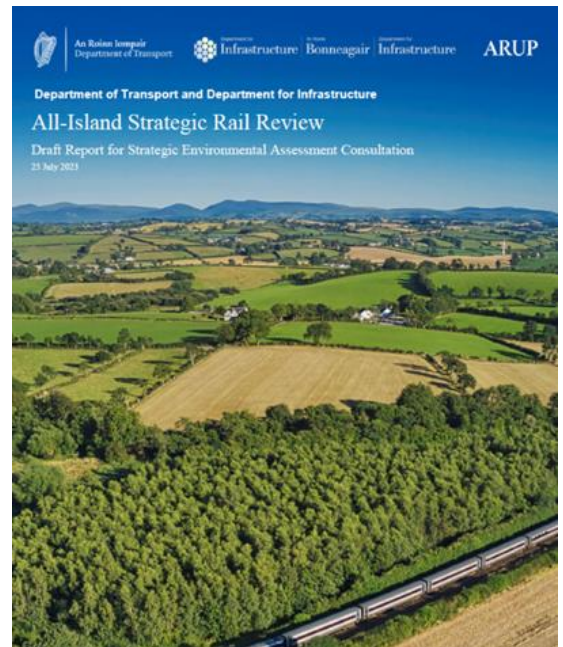
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## Rail Strategy Report Published July 2023<sup>1</sup>

Key Freight issues for consideration

- Help the rail freight industry rebound by providing better routes between the island’s ports and cities, delivering inland facilities, and lowering the costs of rail freight [pg 10]
- [pg 13] rail freight recommendations:
  - 21. Develop a sustainable solution for first-mile last-mile rail access for Dublin Port.
  - 22. Reduce Track Access Charges for freight services.
  - 23. strengthen rail connectivity to the island’s busiest ports.
  - 24. Develop a network of inland terminals close to major cities on the rail network.

[pg21] Some rail lines in Ireland are also used for freight. These connect Ballina, Westport, and Navan to the ports of Waterford and Dublin. The freight lines from Mayo share track with passenger services between Mayo and Dublin, along with the corridor from Kildare to Waterford. Freight services to Navan share track with passenger services between Dublin and Drogheda before continuing to Navan on a freight only line. There are currently no rail freight operations in Northern Ireland.



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/265178/a839ee26-16c4-407d-bd5b-327ce0e067f5.pdf#page=null>

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## FTA Ireland Transport Manager Seminar

Programme includes:


- Keynote Speaker  
**Jack Chambers TD**  
*Minister of State at the Department of Transport and at the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications*
- Sustainable Supply Chains  
**Professor Edward Sweeney**
- Launch of the Managers Guide to Distribution Costs Report 2023
- Road Safety Authority  
**Justin Martin**  
*Commercial Vehicle Road-worthiness*

Prices (excluding VAT)	Members	Non-members
First delegate	€200	€285
Subsequent delegate	€180	-

10% discount for additional bookings


Thursday 19 October

The Johnstown Estate, Enfield, Co. Meath



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The annual FTA Ireland Transport Manager Seminar takes place in Johnstown House Hotel on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2023. The event’s keynote address will be delivered by Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Jack Chambers TD, while other speakers will include Professor Edward Sweeney, sharing insights on sustainable supply chains and Conor Molloy, the author of “A ‘Light’ Guide to Energy Savings in Transport”, who will chair the event’s decarbonisation session. Other presentations will include news from the Road Safety Authority on the new risk rating for commercial fleets and the launch of the annual Managers Guide to Distribution Costs 2023. This report provides transport managers with essential data that supports strategy planning and decision making. <https://www.ftai.ie/join-irelands-transport-superheroes-at-ftais-transport-manager-event-2>

For more information, please contact [info@ftai.ie](mailto:info@ftai.ie)

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## Managers Guide to Distribution Costs Report

### 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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



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## UK Border Operating Model

The Border Target Operating Model has now been published and is attached in full with an overview below also published online at gov.uk [here](#).



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Please note a new approach to importing goods into Great Britain, will be progressively introduced from the end of

January 2024 with the introduction of health certification (from 31 January 2024) and sanitary and phytosanitary checks (from 30 April 2024).

### Please note the important information below to help prepare:

- This is not the end of government engagement, with a series of sector specific webinars for EU audiences running from **September 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September**. The details of these sessions are available [here](#).
- Specifically for **Ireland: There will be a 1 hour session held 16.00 BST Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** which will help traders who move goods from Ireland to GB to understand the actions they need to take to prepare for these changes. Sign up for this session [here](#).

UK Border Operating Model	31 January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Export health certificates and phytosanitary certificates will be required for medium risk animal products, plants and plant products imported to Great Britain from the EU, including from Ireland.</b></li> <li>• <b>Prenotification of imports of SPS goods from Ireland on the UK's SPS import system (IPAFFS) will be required</b> (this requirement already applies to imports of such goods from the rest of the EU since 1 January 2022).</li> </ul>	30 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Documentary checks and physical and identity checks at the border will be introduced for medium risk animal products, plant and plant products imported to Great Britain from the EU, excluding those goods being imported from Ireland.</b></li> <li>• <b>Existing inspections of high-risk plants/plant products from the EU will move from point of destination in GB to UK Border Control Posts.</b></li> </ul>	31 October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Safety and Security declarations for EU imports will come into force.</b></li> <li>• <b>Documentary and risk based identity and physical checks on medium risk animal products, plants, plant products and highrisk food and feed of non animal origin from Ireland will be introduced at ports on the west coast of Great Britain</b> (the date for the commencement of physical checks for non qualifying goods moving from the island of Ireland will be confirmed in autumn 2023).</li> </ul>
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## DID YOU KNOW:

We can advertise job vacancies and share information for members to help grow your network.

As an example, see the current list for UPS seeking Service Partners:



### Job Opportunities - FTA Ireland

Become a UPS Service Partner Together, We Deliver. Take the first step to growing your business by becoming a UPS® Service Partner. Together we will create limitless opportunities and unleash your full potential. Your Partner Role and Benefits You know your city and region best. As a UPS Service Partner, you'll help us service efficiently  
[www.ftai.ie](http://www.ftai.ie)



<https://www.ftai.ie/job-opportunities>

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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](mailto:agorecka@laa.ie) or [info@cdap.ie](mailto:info@cdap.ie) to get your apprentice job vacancies promoted on social media, Apprenticeship Ireland and our websites [www.laa.ie](http://www.laa.ie) [www.cdap.ie](http://www.cdap.ie)

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FTA Ireland Training Courses: <https://www.ftai.ie/public-courses>

## Fleet Manager Compliance Awareness Training

*Location: FTAI, DHL Building, Cloghran, Co. Dublin*

*Dates: 1st November 9am – 4.30pm*

The course is aimed at managers and supervisors involved with transport operations in the private and public sector. The course will provide an overview of the road haulage operator licensing system and highlight employers' and drivers' responsibilities. It also details the many other areas of legislation that directly affect the operator licence obligations, such as drivers' hour's rules and the safety of loads on vehicles.



### Course objectives/aims

The general aim of the course is to develop a knowledge of road transport law. More specifically, it is to cover the legal framework surrounding the operator licensing system and demonstrate the importance of road safety legislation. This includes highlighting the powers of the enforcement agencies such as: The Minister, RSA, HSA and the penalties for non-compliance, both for the vehicle operator and/or driver.

### Who should attend?

- Anyone who wishes to update their transport legislation knowledge to the latest standards.
- Those who are committing to their continued professional development as a transport professional.

**Book today**  
Tel: 01 8447516 or  
Email: [info@ftai.ie](mailto:info@ftai.ie)

## Management of EU Drivers' Hours, Working Time Rules and Records

*Location: Online via Zoom*

*Dates: 3rd November 9.30am - 2.30pm*

This training course is designed to help managers, supervisors and administrative staff understand the driving and working time rules that govern commercial/passenger vehicle drivers. It explains the rules regarding driving time, break and rest periods.



### Course objectives/aims

Following this training participants should have:

- Increased confidence when having complex discussions with drivers and/or managers relating to drivers' hours rules.
- Peace of mind that you are operating legally.
- Knowledge about where to find the answers to complex issues or operational anomalies.

### Who should attend?

- Anyone who wishes to learn about drivers' hours rules and the relationship with working time regulations.
- Those who are committing to their continued professional development as a transport professional.
- Candidates preparing for a full Transport Manager CPC – primer course.

**Book today**  
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# Transport Manager CPC Qualification

## Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) in Road Transport Operations Management

Do you have a succession plan or CPD programme in place for your transport manager and planners? Good succession planning protects your business in the event of a key member's retirement or untimely departure. Not only does it mean the business is prepared, it also gives employees a direction and goal to work towards. If employees know you are investing in their training and development within the company, then they will more likely buy into and commit to the long-term business objectives.

### Course duration

100 hours tuition

### Course schedule

#### October

- Wednesday 4, Thursday 5, Friday 6
- Wednesday 11, Thursday 12, Friday 13
- Wednesday 18, Thursday 19, Friday 20

#### November

- Wednesday 8, Thursday 9, Friday 10
- Wednesday 15, Thursday 16, Friday 17

### Exam date

Wednesday 6 December 2023

The exam is now an **Open Book** format allowing candidates to bring their CILT training manual to the exam. The examinations are set and run by CILT (The Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport).

The course is designed for those who need to obtain the Transport Management CPC Qualification to act as transport manager for a road transport business (haulage and passenger). It is also beneficial for those who want to upskill and enhance their career opportunities. The course is delivered on a part-time basis to enable students sufficient time to study and review material between classes and work commitments.

### Training delivery

This course is **trainer-led** and will be delivered online via **Zoom**.

### Start time

Daily 9am-1pm and 2-5pm

### Course cost

Price on application

### Cost includes

- CILT training manual
- FTA Ireland designed study workbooks & copies of past papers
- Mock exams

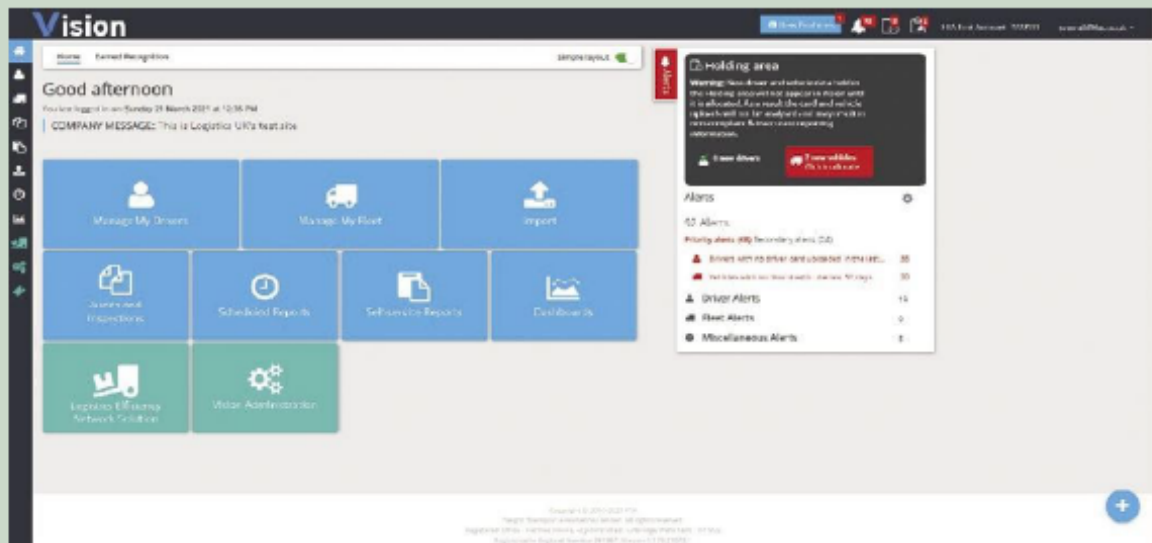
Exam Fee: €285 per person paid directly to CILT by trainee when registering for the exam (online registration & payment).



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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.

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Please call 01 8447516 or email [info@ftai.ie](mailto:info@ftai.ie)