

# FTA Ireland ENews

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Latest news and information update for members

## FTA Ireland AGM Council Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023



FTA Ireland AGM/Council Meeting  
30 May 2023  
Held at: The Lucan Spa Hotel



The AGM and 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting of 2023 took place in the Lucan Spa Hotel on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. At the AGM Des Phelan (Coillte) was elected chair of the Council and Michael Dalton (Flogas) vice Chair of the council. We would like to thank them for putting their names forward and look forward to working with them over the coming term.



A big thank you to Ken Leahy (BWG) who has acted as chair throughout the COVID Pandemic. We appreciate Kens contribution and support to FTA Ireland throughout his tenure.

Items covered at this council meeting included (but not limited to); Post Brexit Trade, UK Target Operating Model, Changes to the Automated Export System (AES); Ukrainian HGV Driving Licence (See briefing note at back of this document); Road Freight Forum; Decarbonisation/ Alternative Fuels; RSA Speed Consultation



Following the council meeting we were delighted to be joined by the following speakers for a member briefing:

### Guest Speakers

Cormac Kennedy- Dublin Port Company

Danial Fallen Bailey, IMDO

**Access presentations here:**

[https://fta365-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/person/aflynn\\_ftai\\_ie/EngmeaZQyUtHksUbGy1\\_8K0BpeHO\\_yOJCuhBvHPIfFv22A?e=dGrQem](https://fta365-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/person/aflynn_ftai_ie/EngmeaZQyUtHksUbGy1_8K0BpeHO_yOJCuhBvHPIfFv22A?e=dGrQem)



**Congratulations to all our members who have recently attained / renewed their TruckSafe and VanSafe Standards at all levels.**



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Department of Transport

### Road Freight Forum

Department of Transport, Leeson Lane  
01 June 2023  
14:30 - 16:30

1. Update on Actions points from February Meeting
2. Brexit update
3. Update on EU Legislative acts relevant to Road Freight (Including presentation & discussion of the Commission proposal on the EU Driving license directive)
4. Update on RHS Actions Tracker
5. Action 5 - Discussion & approval of the Terms of Engagement for procurement to establish a national certification/accreditation system for eco-driving courses
6. Action 7 - Department of Transport Presentation on Renewable Transport Fuels Policy Development
7. Action 33 - Department of Transport Presentation on the review of the Transport Managers Certificate of Professional Competence regime
8. Date for next meeting (5 October)
9. AOB

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Freight Forum meeting took place with the Department of Transport on the 1<sup>st</sup> June (agenda is set out above)

### Key Points:

1. Longer Trailer Trail – Action 8 - the next stage of this project is to go to consultation with industry to understand the demand for progressing with the trial. The department, RSA, TII etc are all positively disposed to the project but it will be important that any operators interested should participate in the consultation – we will keep members informed of developments.
2. ECO – Driver training – The department are seeking feedback to their proposal to develop an accredited ECO Driver training programme to support decarbonization of the transport industry – we will be seeking input from our alt-fuels working group on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.

More information on TruckSafe can be found here:

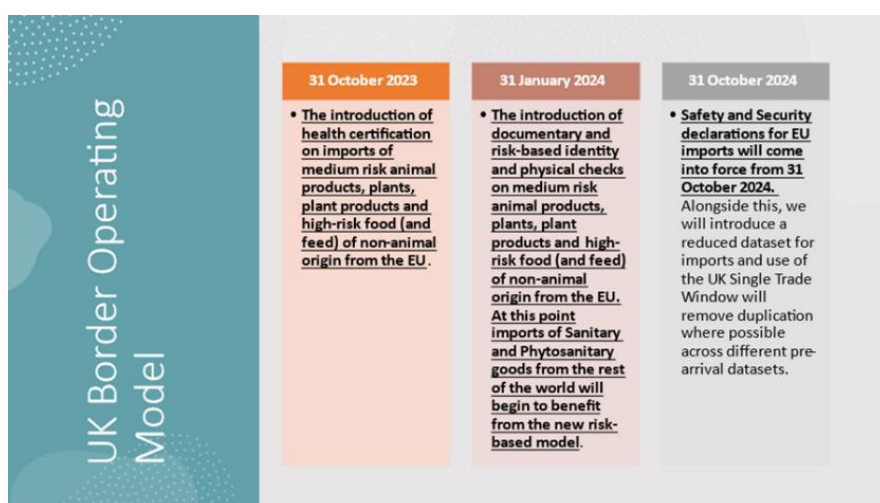
<https://www.ftai.ie/trucksafe>

**UK'S LATEST BORDER TARGET OPERATING MODEL AND ITS IMPLICATIONS**

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The UK government has released a draft Border Target Operating Model<sup>1</sup> that proposes changes to security and sanitary & phytosanitary controls at the border. This new approach will apply to security controls (involving all imports) and sanitary and phytosanitary controls (applying to imports of live animals, animal products, high risk food not of animal origin, plants and plant products).



**Safety & Security Controls:**

The following points outline the changes that the BTOM (Border Target Operating Model) will bring to the Safety and Security data requirements for certain categories of movement. These changes aim to:

- Reduce the Safety and Security data requirements.
- Make submitting Safety and Security data easier through the UK Single Trade window.
- Improve the use of data by the UK Government to remove duplication.
- Remove Safety and Security requirements for the following categories of movement: certain outbound freeport goods, outbound transit and fish from UK waters landed in non-UK ports.

**Sanitary & Phytosanitary (SPS) Controls:**

It is important to note that the new model will have the following three key elements:

- **A new global risk-based approach:** live animals, germinal products, products of animal origin, animal by-products, plants and plant products will be categorised as high, medium or low risk,
- **Simplified and digitised health certificates:** GB will digitise phytosanitary certificates from 2023 with take-up depending on trade partners' readiness. Implement simplified export health certificates in Spring 2023 for animal products, and deliver digitised export health certificates in 2024, leading to more automated use of data.
- **Use trusted trader schemes:** pilot schemes with industry where authorised importers of plants, plant products and some animal products may be eligible for streamlined controls.

**Irish Position**

Exporters of Irish SPS Products to Great Britain will face new requirements from October 31st 2023, with the introduction of the requirement for

- **Export Health Certificates and Phytosanitary Certificates** for Irish medium-risk animal products, plant and plant products and high-risk food and feed of non-animal origin moving directly from Ireland into GB ports.
- **Such Export Health Certificates will be issued by the competent authority in Ireland, namely the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine and the Health Service Executive**, as appropriate. This will be the responsibility of the Irish exporter to ensure this is requested from the Irish competent authority. Further clarity on the process for requesting such certificates will be provided by DAFM and the HSE.

The importer into Great Britain will need to complete.

- SPS Prenotification, this is in addition to customs requirements.

If the Irish exporter is also fulfilling GB Importer's responsibilities, you will need to be aware of the prenotification and customs requirements.

**Groupage Implications**

Businesses that use groupage to import Sanitary and Phytosanitary goods into the UK will need to carefully plan how they intend to import in future, as different goods may have different requirements and a single failure to complete these may hold up a grouped load.

The Border Target Operating Model will facilitate groupage movements by delivering a regime that is calibrated against risk:

- Low risk animal products will not require an export health certificate to enter GB and will not be subject to routine border checks by default. This will simplify the treatment of groupage loads containing low-risk products.
- Medium risk animal products will be subject to reduced levels of intervention at the border with identity and physical check levels being lower. Where products do not require an export health certificate, the complexity of securing a certificate for groupage loads will be removed. Where products are subject to no, or reduced levels, of identity and or physical checks at the border, the risk of a compliant consignment in a mixed load being detained will be reduced or eliminated.
- High risk animals and animal products are rarely moved using groupage, but would always be subject to certification and border checks.

When one product within a consignment requires a physical check and the others do not this may mean that the entire consignment must be diverted for a check

**Should you wish to discuss your food import/export requirements, we would be delighted to assist you with the process. Please contact Carol Lynch (clynch@bdo.ie) or Marie Farrell (mfarrell@bdo.ie) to find out more.**



<https://www.irishexaminer.com/business/economy/aid-41141386.html>

**Countdown to new checks for Irish food stuffs at British ports**



Holyhead Port in Wales. Exporters, importers, and Government officials are increasingly concerned about the huge changes that are coming down the road as the accords under the long-delayed Trade and Cooperation Agreement finally come into place.

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Irish exports of food stuffs, live animals, animal products, plants, and plant products to Britain face checks at British ports for the first time at the end of October under the long delayed Brexit accords, and many traders may likely be ill-prepared, a leading expert has warned.

Aidan Flynn, chief executive at Freight Transport Association Ireland,

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-border-target-operating-model-draft-for-feedback>

## APPRENTICESHIPS



Our first-year apprentices have been completing and passing their C Driving Test

### Employers Update



To Date:

- 15 employers have advised provisional numbers (If you haven't already advised, please let us know ) [info@cdap.ie](mailto:info@cdap.ie)
- 35 provisional bookings for apprentices for September 2023 start
- 24 new employers expressed interest after having meetings - follow up to get registered



**If you are interested in learning more about this apprenticeship please visit [www.cdap.ie](http://www.cdap.ie) Employer looking to train apprentices should contact [info@cdap.ie](mailto:info@cdap.ie) as we are now recruiting for a September 2023 intake.**



### LSCH Skills Week highlights

March 30th - Welcome & tour of EUCON Shipping by Access to Apprenticeship students



March 31<sup>st</sup> - site visit to Sysco



### ILTA Awards



**Irish Logistics and Transport Community celebrates achievements and showcases progress and innovations**

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### 2023 Council Meeting Dates

- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 – Midland Hotel Portlaoise
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

### Alternative Fuels Working Group



### NEXT MEETING 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

Our next Alternative Fuels meeting of 2023 will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 at 13:30.

### Agenda for June Meeting

- 1330hrs Soft start
  - Matter arising – members issues & announcements
  - Freight Forum Update – Review of Eco Driving proposal
  - Climate Action of the month – member feature
- 1400hrs Climate Actor of Month Presentation – Sean O’Callaghan SSE
  - Q&A with Guest Speaker (s)
- 1500hrs Close

If you are interested in attending the alternative fuels meeting please email [aflynn@ftai.ie](mailto:aflynn@ftai.ie)

**FTA Ireland Training Prospectus can Be Downloaded here:**

[https://fta365-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/person/aflynn\\_ftai\\_ie/EZQK146yKqhlUJlQcslcnmcBvph5n42x2LoBaBx36wMvDA?e=cGfhIC](https://fta365-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/person/aflynn_ftai_ie/EZQK146yKqhlUJlQcslcnmcBvph5n42x2LoBaBx36wMvDA?e=cGfhIC)

# Holders of driver's licences from other countries



## Briefing note

*Transport operators have a responsibility to ensure that drivers employed by them are compliant with the regulations; this includes carrying out regular checks on drivers' licences, CPC module status and obtaining an annual declaration from the driver in relation to their status to drive.*

### Drivers from outside the state

Any driver taking up residence in Ireland whether for work or personal reasons is **not authorised** to drive on a non-EU/EEA driving licence, they must exchange a recognised licence or take out a learner permit for drivers from non-recognised countries.

Ireland has driving licence exchange agreements (work permits are a separate issue) with a list of recognised states (see annex 1), exchange can be done through the NDLS. <https://www.ndls.ie/licensed-driver/exchange-my-foreign-driving-licence.html>

### EU Professional Drivers

Where Code 95 CPC is noted on an EU driving licence, this will not be transferred to the Irish driving licence, and drivers must apply for a separate CPC card to the RSA. See [www.rsa.ie](http://www.rsa.ie)

### Exchanging a Non-EU/EEA driving licence for an Irish licence

Drivers can only exchange a licence issued by another EU member state or other country/territory if the licence **originated** within the EU or that recognised state.

If a driver is in possession of an EC/EEA licence received by exchanging their licence from a country that is **not a recognised state**, it will only be valid for 12 months.

**This type of licence cannot be exchanged for an Irish licence.**

Once a driver qualifies as a resident, he/she must apply for an Irish driving licence as they cannot exchange their foreign licence. The applicant must:

- Pass a driver theory test.
- Apply for a learner permit.
- Complete a reduced course of Essential Driver Training (EDT) and
- Pass a driving test in Ireland.
- Complete all CPC training and apply for a driver card.

*A driver cannot be employed as a professional driver for hire or reward until this is completed.*

*It is essential that transport managers familiarise themselves with the NDLS codes which are noted in section 12 of the driver's licence.*

Code 70 'Exchange of recognised driving licence' will appear on the reverse of the licence followed by the country code of the state the driving test was originally passed, ie, 70RO (Romania)

#### Example

This Romanian licence belonged to a driver who had obtained their licence in Moldova (*not a recognised state*). **Please be aware this is a very common issue and transport managers, and HR departments should be made aware of this.**

Note section 3 on the front giving the place the licence was originally obtained and section 12 on the reverse noting **70MD** denoting that it was exchanged from a Moldovan issued licence (see overleaf).

The driver took his test in Moldova (indicated by the 70MD code on the rear) then exchanged it for a Romania licence. This driving licence remains valid in Ireland for only a year from point of entry, as the test was taken in a country other than in a designated country (non-EU).

**This licence cannot be exchanged for an Irish licence as Moldova is not a recognised state and the driver must apply for and sit an Irish driving test once he has taken up residence in Ireland.**

### Ukraine Drivers

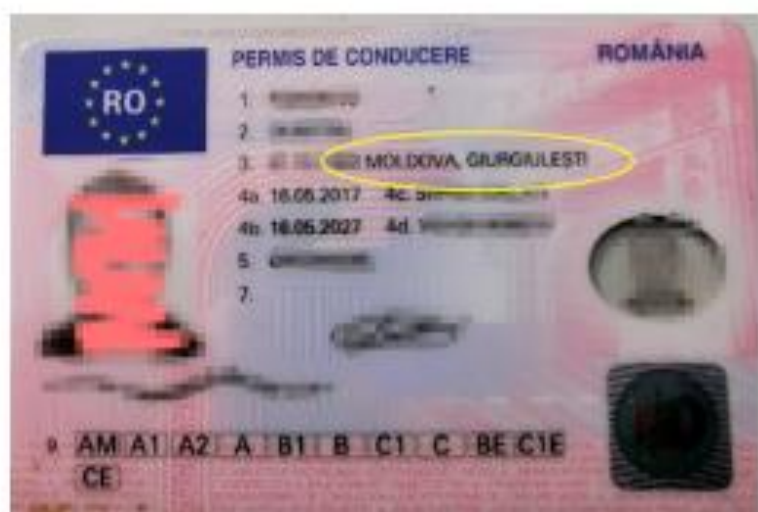
Ukrainian drivers who are residing in Ireland under temporary protection<sup>1</sup> and who hold a category C or D Ukrainian licence and a Ukrainian CPC card will be able to apply for an Irish Driver CPC.

*There is no longer a need for Ukrainian drivers under temporary protection to swap their Ukrainian licences for an Irish licence for the duration of the exemption.*

Drivers wishing to drive professionally in Ireland must complete the following steps:

- 1 Complete additional Compulsory Training consisting of:
  - a Driver CPC classroom-based training (CPC Periodic Training):
    - 35 hours for vehicles of categories C, C1, CE, C1E (trucks), or
    - 35 hours for vehicles of categories D, D1, DE, D1E (buses), or
    - 42 hours for a combination of vehicles of categories C, C1, CE, C1E and D, D1, DE, D1E.

<sup>1</sup> Temporary protection means that you have a letter from the Minister for Justice confirming that you are a beneficiary of Temporary Protection in Ireland granted under section 60 of the International Protection Act 2015.



#### b Eight hours of supervised driving

This training must be completed with an RSA Approved Driving Instructor who is qualified to instruct in the relevant licence category.

#### c CPC truck or CPC bus or CPC bus/truck combined theory test.

On successful completion of the additional compulsory training, the driver can apply to the Driver Education Section in the Road Safety Authority for their Driver CPC qualification card. The temporary Driver CPC code 95.01 will be printed on the card, and it will be valid until 6 March 2025.

#### 2 Drivers must submit the following documents to the Road Safety Authority:

- A copy of their Ukrainian driving licence.
- A copy of their valid Ukrainian Driver CPC qualification card.
- A copy of their temporary permission to reside in Ireland.
- A completed medical report form signed by a recognised medical practitioner within the last three months.
- A completed Ukrainian Driver CPC Additional Compulsory Training Application Form.
- Completed forms and documents should be posted to: Driver Education Section, Road Safety Authority, Primrose Hill, Ballina, Co. Mayo F26 V6E4

Once the application has been processed, they will receive a confirmation email and can start the CPC Additional Compulsory

Training process. (The CPC training and the driver training can be completed separately or simultaneously).

### Important information

*The driver has an EU truck/bus licence and Driver CPC. Can they drive professionally in Ireland?*

If they previously exchanged their Ukrainian licence for an EU licence and hold a CPC qualification, they can drive professionally in Ireland until the expiry date of their licence or CPC card (whichever expires first). After that time, they are not allowed to drive professionally.

*Can the driver renew their EU licence and CPC qualification in Ireland?*

If they are resident in Ireland and hold an EU licence which they originally exchanged from a Ukrainian licence, this can't be renewed in Ireland.

If they are resident in Ireland and hold an original EU licence (obtained their qualification within the EU) this licence can be renewed in Ireland. They can also complete training here to renew their driver CPC qualification.

**Information about renewing a licence is available at:**

[www.rsa.ie/services/licenseddrivers/driving-licence/manage-your-licence](http://www.rsa.ie/services/licenseddrivers/driving-licence/manage-your-licence)

**More information on CPC training and qualification is available on:**

[www.rsa.ie/services/professional-drivers/cpc](http://www.rsa.ie/services/professional-drivers/cpc)

#### Annex 1

### List of recognised states for licence exchange (a work permit may still be required)

- Australia
- Gibraltar
- Guernsey
- Isle Of Man
- Japan
- Jersey
- South Africa
- Republic of Korea
- Switzerland
- New Zealand
- Taiwan
- Ontario Province of Canada
- Manitoba Province of Canada
- Newfoundland & Labrador Province of Canada
- British Columbia Province of Canada
- Saskatchewan State in Canada.
- Alberta Province of Canada
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