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CLECAT NEWSLETTER

Brussels News

CLECAT WELCOMES EC PROPOSAL REVISING THE DRIVING LICENSE DIRECTIVE

The European Commission adopted on 1st March a proposal revising the Driving License Directive, as part of a broader Road Safety Package. The measures are aimed to improve safety for all road users and alleviate the shortage of professional drivers.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF NEW STUDY ON SSTPA'S

At the ESPORG Conference 2023, which took place on 1 March at the European Parliament, the European Commission announced that a new study on Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas (SSTPAs) will be launched in summer.

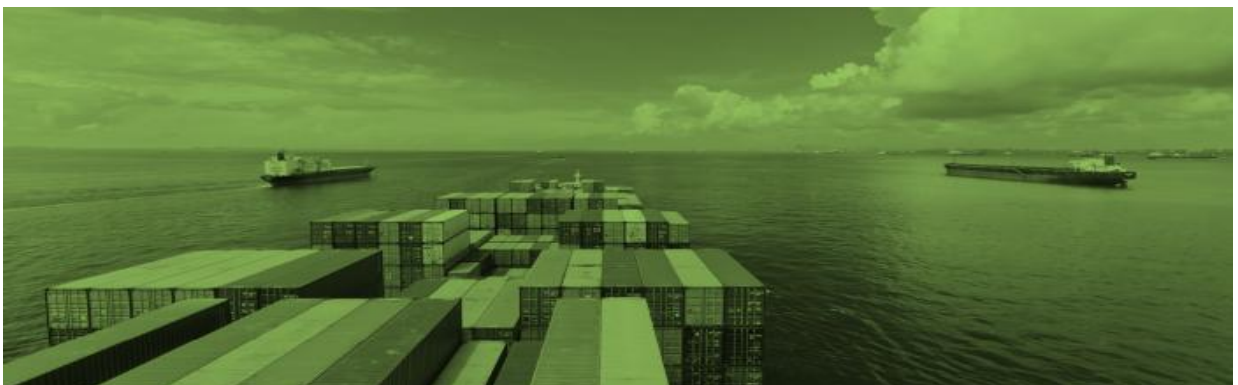
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COUNCIL AND PARLIAMENT CONTINUE TRILOGUES ON FIT FOR 55 PACKAGE

Over the last month, negotiations between the Parliament and the Council continued over the transport-related files of the Fit for 55 Package, namely the AFIR, FuelEU Maritime and the Renewable Energy Directive. Agreement is yet to be found on these texts.

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Maritime

FIATA CALLS FOR REASONABLE FREE TIME FOR CONTAINER USAGE

On 28 February, FIATA issued a press release urging shipping lines to review and reinstate the current free time periods back to no less than feasible, pre-pandemic levels. During the last few years, free time periods for containers have been reduced and tariffs for demurrage and detention have increased considerably.

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Maritime

FMC CHAIR ACCUSES CARRIERS TO USE EXTRA FEES ONLY TO INCREASE PROFITS

In an interview with ShippingWatch published on 27 February, the Chair of the US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) Daniel B. Maffei accused ocean

carriers to have charged extra fees from customers in order to increase profits parallel to the already elevated freight rates during last year.

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Rail

FRENCH GOVERNMENT READY TO INVEST €100 BILLION FOR RAIL UNTIL 2042

As indicated by French Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, the French government is ready to allocate €100 billion to implement the plan presented by the Infrastructure Orientation Council (COI) in February.

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Rail

UKRZALIZNYTSIA TO OPEN EU RAIL FREIGHT BRANCH

On 27 February, CEO Oleksandr Kamyshin resigned from Ukrzaliznytsia (Ukrainian Railways – UZ) to dedicate full time on the opening of its European freight branch, which it was announced just a few days before.

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Customs & Trade

EU ADOPTS 10TH SANCTIONS PACKAGE AGAINST RUSSIA

On 25 February, in response to Russia's continuing war of aggression against Ukraine, the Council adopted a tenth package of sanctions. The agreed package, which was approved on the anniversary of Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, includes a series of measures intended to hit hard Russian economy and abilities to continue its aggression.

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AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE WINDSOR FRAMEWORK WITH NEW CUSTOMS ARRANGEMENT FOR NI

On the 27th February the European Commission issued a press statement on the political agreement in principle reached with the UK government on the Windsor Framework. The EC and the UK agreed on joint solution to address the practical challenges faced by citizens and businesses in Northern Ireland.

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Customs & Trade

ICS2 RELEASE 2 GOES LIVE

On 1 March, the second release of the European Union's customs pre-arrival security and safety programme – Import Control System 2 (ICS2) – went live. The new advance cargo information and risk management platform will further improve protection against security and safety threats from goods entering the EU.

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CLECAT Meetings

CLECAT ICS2 Q&A session

10 March, Online

CLECAT Sustainable Logistics Institute

10 March, Online

CLECAT Air Freight Institute

14 March 2023, Online

CLECAT Supply Chain Security Institute

14 March 2023, Online

Smart Freight Week 2023

18-20 March, Amsterdam

EC Stakeholder conference on means to mitigate the impact of digitalisation/automation on the transport workforce

21 March, Brussels

CLECAT session: High-Capacity Transport in support of sustainable road freight

9 May, Munich

International IP Enforcement Summit
14-15 June, Sofia

EU Meetings

European Parliament

European Parliament Plenary

13-16 March 2023, Strasbourg

European Parliament Environment Committee

6 March 2023, Brussels

European Parliament Transport Committee

21 March 2023, Brussels

Council of the EU

Transport Council

1 June, Brussels

Environment Council

16 March, Brussels



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