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European Commission
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Re: Road transport in the single market – response to ongoing consultations

Dear Commissioner,

Transport is a key pillar of the single market, allowing for the free movement of goods, services, workers and citizens across borders. Yet, many transport and logistics companies, but also businesses as end-users, are facing persistent barriers to cross-border road transport and in some Member States also new obstacles, often stemming from recent measures taken at national, regional or local level. Moreover, some parts of Europe are not yet fully connected, which hampers business opportunities, fair competition and ultimately growth and job creation.

In this context, BusinessEurope welcomes the ongoing public consultations on road transport launched by the European Commission with the aim to collect input from stakeholders that are directly impacted by remaining obstacles. We urge the Commission to decisively address the outstanding challenges for road freight and passenger transport in the single market often related to road charging, social aspects, safety, market access, investment and the enforcement of existing rules.

At annex you will find a BusinessEurope position paper on road transport in the single market. This constitutes our response to the four recent and ongoing public consultations in this area, namely on the review of Regulation 1071/2009/EC and 1072/2009/EC on the international road haulage market, the review of the 'Eurovignette Directive' and Directive 2004/52/EC on EETS, and the consultation on the enhancement of social legislation in road transport. Furthermore, the paper outlines other remaining barriers and challenges that hamper cross-border road transport operations and directly affect the competitiveness of European transport and logistics companies and the EU economy as a whole.

We trust that you will take our views into account and stand ready to discuss these important matters further you.

We are also sending a similar letter to Director-General Henrik Hololei.

Yours sincerely,

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