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Dear Commissioner,

RE: follow-up on the impact assessment of the adopted Mobility Package I

As you are aware, in the course of discussions on and after adoption of the Mobility Package I proposals in the area of road transport, the European business community expressed its concerns with regard to certain provisions of the package.

On similar grounds, the European Commission made a statement on the final voted text, expressing concerns about the provisions on the compulsory return of the vehicle to the Member State of establishment every eight weeks and the restrictions imposed on combined transport operations. As these measures were not part of the Commission's original proposals, you undertook to conduct an additional impact assessment to check how these new provisions affect the EU's climate ambitions and the functioning of the Single Market. We commend your work that aims to ensure consistency, adherence to better regulation principles and a solid Single Market that is the basis for economic growth and resilience.

Half-a-year passed from the publication of the additional impact assessment results stipulating, among others, that up to 1.9 million empty truck runs would be triggered by the new regulations, resulting in up to 2.9 million additional tons of CO2 emissions and an increase of international road freight emissions by 4.6% (in 2023 alone). Clear indications about negative impact on the smaller companies operating in the road freight market were made.

BusinessEurope considers that such study findings cannot be left unattended. The environmental and economic costs that are looming are high and we urge the Commission to address the identified deficiencies of the new rules without delay.



Moreover, the pressures of the Covid19-incurred crisis and driver shortages (400 000 in the EU) are now adding to those created by the EU regulation. We stand ready to discuss how to address the newly created risks and would welcome any indications on the way forward from the European Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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