



CLECAT NEWSLETTER

Brussels News

CLECAT WEEK IN BRUSSELS

The CLECAT Board, General Assembly and institutes met last week in Brussels. It was for some members the first occasion to meet again with other member associations in person in Brussels, to discuss and plan for the coming year, addressing priorities but also to address ongoing logistics and supply chain issues.

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EC PRESENTS DIGITAL SOLUTIONS TO EXPORT UKRAINIAN GOODS

On 23rd June CLECAT joined the second meeting organised by DG MOVE on the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes, to support the export of Ukrainian agricultural goods blocked in the Black Sea ports. Representatives from the Ukrainian

government as well as transport logistics providers reported on developments with regards to the volume of goods currently exported, the situation at border points with the EU and addressed the current logistical and administrative challenges from the initiative.

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ICS-2 WORKSHOP – REGISTRATION REMAINS OPEN

On 6 July, CLECAT & DG TAXUD are jointly organising a workshop to support freight forwarders to prepare for the new EU customs advance cargo information system. The workshop will be held in Brussels, but participants will also be provided with an opportunity to join online. So far, more than 200 participants registered.

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Maritime

PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNS OSRA 2022 INTO LAW

On 16 June, President Biden signed the Ocean Shipping Reform Act (OSRA) 2022 into law. Addressing the Congress on the OSRA President Biden noted: "In my State of the Union address, I called on Congress to address ocean carriers' high prices and unfair practices because rising ocean shipping costs are a major contributing factor to increased costs for American families."

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Air

FALL IN AIR CARGO DEMAND IN LINE WITH EXPECTATIONS

On 7 June, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) released April 2022 data for global air cargo markets, showing a drop in demand and contraction in capacity. The effects of the COVID-19 Omicron variant in Asia, as well as the Russian war in Ukraine continue to create a challenging operating backdrop that is driving the decline.

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Road

EC PROPOSES TO EASE REQUIREMENTS FOR UKRAINIAN DRIVERS IN THE EU

On 20 June, the European Commission adopted a legislative proposal setting out temporary rules on Ukrainian driving documents to allow Ukrainian citizens residing in the EU under the temporary protection regime to continue to use their Ukrainian driving licence without needing to exchange it for an EU driving licence or to sit a new driving test.

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Road

TYROL'S HDV RESTRICTIONS

Commissioner for Transport Adina Vălean responded on 2nd June to a question sent by MEP Kosma Złotowski (ECR, Poland) in December 2021 criticising the

Commission for not reacting to Austrian restrictions on truck traffic in the Tyrol region.

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EP ADOPTS CBAM POSITION

On 22 June, the European Parliament adopted its position on the regulation establishing the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). Parliament is now ready to start negotiations with Member States.

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WTO TRADE CONNECTIVITY HEATMAP

On 23 June, the WTO launched the Trade Connectivity Heatmap, which gives a broad overview of the trade relationships of more than 180 economies across 70 different product categories.

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Rail

2022 REPORT ON RAILWAY SAFETY AND INTEROPERABILITY

The European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) has published the 2022 Report on Railway Safety and Interoperability in the EU. The biennial report highlights progress with railway safety and interoperability in the EU and allows an in-depth understanding of the European railways situation and its evolution over time. The data contained in the report can be used to identify areas for improvement towards reaching a more efficient and effective railway system: the Single European Railway Area.

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Rail

EC APPROVES ITALIAN SUPPORT MEASURES FOR RAIL FREIGHT

In June, the European Commission approved three Italian aid measures supporting rail freight. These include a €55 million scheme to encourage freight transport to shift from road to rail, a €130 million scheme to support both the rail freight and rail commercial passenger sectors in the context of the coronavirus pandemic, as well as a €374 million support to compensate rail freight transport companies for the damage suffered during the period between 12 March and 31 May 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTS ETS REVISION

On 22nd June, the European Parliament adopted in Plenary session with a large majority its amendments to the revision of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS). MEPs voted for a second time on this file, after failing to reach a majority in a first vote on 8 June. MEPs supported the inclusion of emissions from

maritime transport into the main ETS and the creation of a separate ETS for road transport emissions.

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EP ADOPTS REVISED CO2 STANDARDS FOR CARS AND VANS

The European Parliament adopted in Plenary session on 8 June its position on the revision of the Regulation on CO2 standards for new light duty vehicles.

MEPs largely support the ENVI report adopted on 11 May, endorsing the Commission proposal to reach 100% new sales of zero-emission cars and vans by 2035.

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ICCT-RAP STUDY ON THE ELECTRIFICATION OF DELIVERY VEHICLES

On 16 June, the European Clean Trucking Alliance released a report conducted by research institutes Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP) and the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) on the state of electrification of delivery vehicles in Europe. The study shows that electric trucks can reach price parity already today with diesel trucks but will need well-designed purchase incentives.

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CLECAT Meetings

Connecting Europe Days

28-30 June, Lyon, France (Organiser: European Commission)

CLECAT ICS-2 Workshop

6 July, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

CLECAT Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute

13 July 2022, Online

CLECAT Air Freight Institute

4 October 2022, Online

CLECAT Supply Chain Security Institute

4 October 2022, Online

CLECAT Air Freight Institute

22 November 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

CLECAT Supply Chain Security Institute

22 November 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

EU Meetings

European Parliament

European Parliament Plenary

4-7 July 2022, Strasbourg

European Parliament Environment Committee

27 June 2022, Brussels

European Parliament Transport Committee

27 June 2022, Brussels

Council of the EU

Environment Council

28 June 2022, Luxembourg



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