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Dear Ms Worth

I am writing at the request of the Senior Traffic Commissioner for Great Britain, as your members may be affected by changes in legislation relating to the transport of goods by road.

Following the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (annex ROAD-1, part A, section 1), amendments will be made to the legislation affecting commercial road transport, including:

- Changes made by EU regulation 2020/1055 to include in the operator licensing regime, light goods vehicles that are between 2.5t and 3.5t and involved in international goods transport.
- Changes to posting of road transport workers, applicable to drivers of journeys within the EU made further to EU directive 2020/1057.

The changes to the European legislation<sup>1</sup> will be incorporated into UK law and the licensing of light goods vehicles on international journeys will be introduced in May 2022. So, businesses, which have not required an operator's licence to date, will be required to apply to a traffic commissioner to obtain a licence before that date, to continue with international operations. Whilst the extension of operator licensing to light goods vehicles is limited to those involved in international transport, they will be required to have an establishment within the UK, to demonstrate good repute, show professional competence by appointing a qualified transport manager and to have financial standing, although at a lower rate to HGV operators.

Traffic commissioners seek to support the industries they regulate. The Senior Traffic Commissioner (STC) is considering how those changes will be implemented and will issue amended guidance in due course.

As part of those efforts and in anticipation of the above changes, the STC would like to invite you to join the list of national stakeholders, with whom he regularly communicates. The ongoing pandemic has inevitably restricted the opportunities to meet, exchange views and learn from stakeholders, but we believe that there would be potential benefit in establishing formal lines of communication with your organisation. The STC and his colleagues would of course welcome

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<sup>1</sup> See EC Regulation 2009/1071 and 2009/1072

the opportunity to engage with your members at events and by other means, should you think that beneficial.

We look forward to engaging with you, in the near future, and ask that you kindly supply details of the preferred point of contact.

Yours sincerely

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