

EUROPEAN SHIPPERS' COUNCIL CONCERN RE MOVEMENT OF CARGO POST BREXIT

The European Shippers' Council is concerned about a lack of progress on Brexit negotiations and is supporting the UK's Freight Transport Association (FTA) in their call for EU and UK leaders to prioritise urgent mitigation measures.

The FTA has noted that "in the event of No Deal – a scenario identified as a serious possibility by both sides – new agreements would be needed to allow trucks, planes and trains to cross the borders with the EU, keep goods flowing and shops and factories supplied. Border delays and disruptions, as well as additional costs and red tape are serious worries for FTA members, but the biggest showstopper of them all would be drastic reductions to the international movement of freight vehicles and planes."

The FTA is pleading for both sides to start working on contingency plans and mitigating measures for transport as an urgent priority, so that businesses can rely on a co-ordinated plan and legal certainties, even in the event of a No Deal outcome. "The logistics sector is a problem solver, but there is only so much we can do if we are forced to approach this blindfolded and with our hands tied".