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Brussels News

CLECAT TAKES PART IN 64TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE TRADE CONTACT GROUP

On November 30, CLECAT participated in the 64th Plenary meeting of the Trade Contact Group. The main agenda items of the meeting were the update on the Customs Reform status and a presentation on the EU Ports Alliance initiative by the Commission. Various topics were then also raised by TCG members, including CBAM.

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RAIL

Rail

FERRMED STUDY HIGHLIGHTS KEY INVESTMENTS, MODAL SHIFT STRATEGIES FOR EU FREIGHT TRANSPORT

CLECAT joined a panel of stakeholders this week at the FERRMED conference to respond to the final FERRMED study on the EU freight transport system and modal shift optimisation. Ms van der Jagt welcomed the study and in particular the need to identify bottlenecks and to prioritise investments in the most impactful network segments.

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Rail

TRAN DEBATES DRAFT REPORT ON RAIL CAPACITY REGULATION

On 29 November, the TRAN Committee of the European Parliament in Brussels discussed the draft report on the Rail Capacity Regulation presented by the Rapporteur, MEP Tilly Metz (Greens, Luxembourg). The draft report proposal aims to enhance the role of infrastructure users, establish a clearer governance structure, and propose a more ambitious implementation plan.

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MARITIME

Maritime

CALL FOR STUDY ABOUT IMPACT ETS FOR SHIPPING

FEPOR, ETA, EMPA and ECASBA issued this week a press release urging the EU Commission to start a study about the impact of EU ETS for shipping. The associations express concern on the risk of cargo diversion to the detriment of EU ports with the upcoming entry into force at the beginning of 2024 of EU ETS for shipping.

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DIGITALISATION

Digitalisation

FEDERATED FINAL EVENT: EU DATA LOGISTICS FESTIVAL

Following the Plenary meeting of the Digital Transport and Logistics Forum (DTLF) which took place on 29 November, CLECAT also joined the final event of the FEDeRATED project.

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Digitalisation

DATA ACT: COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW LAW ON FAIR ACCESS TO AND USE OF DATA

On the 27th of November, the Council adopted a new Regulation on harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data (Data Act). The regulation sets up new rules on who can access and use data generated in the EU across all economic sectors.

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Digitalisation

EC RECOMMENDATION ON THE IMPACT OF DIGITALISATION/AUTOMATION ON TRANSPORT WORKFORCE

The European Commission published its final recommendation on the means to address the impact of automation and digitalisation on the transport workforce.

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ROAD

Road

GERMAN ROAD TOLL INCREASE ENTERS INTO FORCE

On 1st December, the Third Toll Amendment Act enters into force in Germany. The Act, stemming from the transposition of the Eurovignette Directive adopted at EU level in 2022 introduces new CO₂ emission classes as a new tariff criterion, with a surcharge of €200 per tonne of CO₂ as the calculation basis.

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CUSTOMS & TRADE

Customs & Trade

EU PARLIAMENT ENDORSES EU- NEW ZEALAND FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The European Parliament has formally approved the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with New Zealand, a significant step in bolstering EU's global trade partnerships. Ratified with 524 votes in favour, the agreement underscores a strong consensus among European legislators.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability

SFC EXCHANGE NETWORK BECOMES A DEDICATED COMPANY

On 28 November, the Smart Freight Centre announced that the SFC Exchange Network announces its next phase by transitioning to a new dedicated company to scale impact and further increasing the shift towards emissions transparency and logistics decarbonisation.

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EVENTS

EU Meetings

European Parliament

European Parliament Environment Committee

4 December, Brussels

European Parliament Transport Committee

7 December, Brussels

European Parliament Plenary

11-14 December, Strasbourg

Council of the EU

Environment Council

18 December, Brussels

Transport Council

4 December, Brussels



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