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Brussels News

“STOP THE CLOCK” DIRECTIVE PUBLISHED IN EU OJ

Last week, the Directive postponing the dates of application of certain corporate sustainability reporting and due diligence requirements, as well as the transposition deadline of the due diligence provisions was published in the Official Journal of the EU, following its formal approval by the Parliament and the Council.

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MARITIME

Maritime

DREWRY CONTAINER SHIPPING OUTLOOK

Shippers are being urged to brace for difficult months ahead as the global container shipping market faces escalating uncertainty. At a webinar attended by CLECAT this week, maritime analyst Drewry painted a bleak picture for global trade, with container throughput expected to decline significantly and operational challenges set to intensify.

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TRUMP ADMINISTRATION INTRODUCES FEES ON CHINESE SHIPS

The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) has recently proposed new port fees targeting Chinese shipping lines and Chines-built ships. The fees are part of a broader USTR initiative aimed at supporting American shipbuilding and addressing China's influence in the maritime, logistics, and shipbuilding sectors.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability

EC LAUNCHES CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE REVISION OF ETS

On 15 April, the Commission opened a public consultation to gather stakeholders' views on the future of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). It covers entities covered by ETS1, namely aviation, maritime transport and stationary installations.

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ROAD

Road

EC PUBLISHES ROADWORTHINESS PACKAGE

On 24 April, the European Commission published a comprehensive roadworthiness package aimed at enhancing road safety, reducing air pollution, and promoting digital vehicle documents.

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Road

NEW REPORT ON PRIORITY LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

The Smart Freight Centre (SFC) has published a new report titled “Accelerating Public Charging (APC): Determining Near-Term Medium and Heavy-Duty Public Truck Charging Locations,” presenting a data-driven approach to the planning of public charging infrastructure for battery-electric trucks (BETs).

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RAIL

Rail

NEW ENTRANTS REACH 55% MARKET SHARE IN EUROPEAN RAIL FREIGHT

The latest Market Monitoring Report from the Independent Regulators Group (IRG) confirms a notable shift in the European rail freight landscape: in 2023, new market entrants - often referred to as "challengers" - accounted for 55% of the market.

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GENERAL

General

SOLIDARITY LANES REMAIN VITAL FOR UKRAINE'S TRADE FLOWS

On 24 April, the European Commission published updated figures on the performance of the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes, stressing their continued importance for Ukraine's economy and connectivity.

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CUSTOMS & TRADE

Customs & Trade

2024 REPORT ON CUSTOMS PROGRAMME PROGRESS

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD) has released its Customs programme Annual Progress Report on year 2024 detailing the activities and outcomes of the EU Customs Programme in 2024.

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EVENTS

CLECAT Meetings and participation in events

2nd European Ports Alliance Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)

28-30 April, Gdansk

ESPO annual conference

8-9 May, Thessaloniki

International Transport Forum

21-23 May, Leipzig

CLECAT General Assembly

17 June, Gdansk

CLECAT Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute meeting

17 June, Gdansk

EU Meetings

European Parliament

European Parliament Environment Committee

5 May, Strasbourg

European Parliament Transport Committee

14-15 May, Brussels

European Parliament Plenary
5-8 May, Strasbourg
Council of the EU
Informal meeting of environment ministers
28-29 April, Warsaw
Transport Council
5 June, Luxembourg



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