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Brussels News CLECAT CALLS FOR STRONGER EU FUNDING IN MFF CONSULTATION On 6 May, CLECAT submitted its contribution to the public consultation on the new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). While transport infrastructure is not the central focus of the review, the consultation offered an important opportunity to call for strong and dedicated EU funding to support future transport and logistics projects.



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MARITIME

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GERMAN FEDERAL AUDIT OFFICE CALLS TO REVIEW TONNAGE TAX SCHEME In April, the German Federal Audit Office (Bundesrechnungshof) issued a report with recommendations to consolidate and strengthen the German federal budget. One of the recommendations suggests reviewing the current tonnage tax scheme, which exempts shipping companies from standard corporate taxation.

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Maritime NORTHERN EUROPE'S PORT CONGESTION SET TO DRAG INTO SUMMER The Loadstar reported last week that congestion across Northern Europe's major container ports is forecasted to continue well into the summer months, raising concerns across the logistics sector as delays ripple through the supply chain.

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Maritime MEDITERRANEAN EMISSION CONTROL AREA ENTERS INTO FORCE On 1 May, the Mediterranean Sea officially became an Emission Control Area, according to IMO regulations, where stricter controls are in place to minimise air pollution from ships, notably sulphur oxides emissions leading to sea and land acidification and contributing to fine dust, which is linked to respiratory and cardiovascular conditions.

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RAIL

Rail LEGISLATORS CONTINUE TALKS ON RAIL CAPACITY REGULATION Despite recent technical progress on the proposed Rail Capacity Regulation, negotiations between the European Parliament and the Council remain at an impasse over a critical issue which is funding.

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ROAD



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Road EC TAKES THREE MEMBER STATES TO COURT OVER EUROVIGNETTE On 7 May, the European Commission decided to refer Bulgaria, Greece and Poland to the Court of Justice of the European Union for failing to transpose the Eurovignette Directive.

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Road

EUROPE'S TRUCK DRIVER SHORTAGE WORSENS AS AGE GAP GROWS The International Road Transport Union (IRU) has published its 2024 Global Truck Driver Shortage Report, sounding the alarm over a growing demographic crisis that threatens road freight capacity and economic competitiveness across Europe.

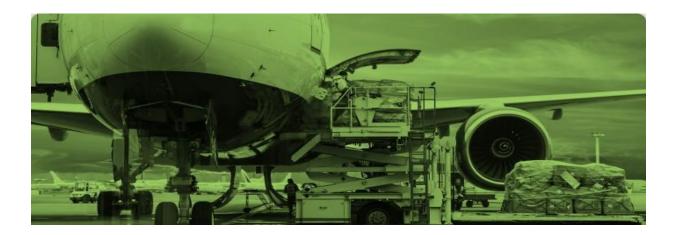
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EP AND COUNCIL ADOPT AMENDMENT TO CO2 STANDARDS FOR CARS AND VANS On 8 May, the European Parliament adopted in Plenary session the targeted amendment to the Regulation setting CO2 standards for cars and vans. The proposal, adopted without amendments, introduces a flexibility measure for manufacturers to comply with the 2025 CO2 targets.

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CANADA ENFORCES PRE-LOAD AIR CARGO TARGETING (PACT) TO ENHANCE SECURITY

As of 1 April 2025, Canada has begun enforcing its new Pre-Load Air Cargo Targeting (PACT) program, requiring carriers to submit detailed shipment data to Transport Canada prior to loading cargo bound for Canada. The goal is to identify and mitigate high-risk shipments before they are placed on board aircraft.

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On 29 April, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) published its latest air cargo market data, reporting a continued increase in global air freight demand for March 2025. The data confirms a strong performance, marking a historic peak for the month.





CUSTOMS & TRADE

Customs & Trade PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON EU COUNTERMEASURES IN US TARIFFS DISPUTE The European Commission has opened a public consultation on a draft list of US products potentially subject to EU countermeasures, should ongoing negotiations with the United States fail to yield an agreement that leads to the removal of recently imposed US tariffs.

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Customs & Trade EC APPROVES TEMPORARY FRENCH EXPORT CREDIT SCHEME TO OFFSET US TARIFF RISKS On 8 May 2025, the European Commission approved a &5 billion French export credit re-insurance scheme to support exporters of wines and spirits in light of the impending US tariffs.

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Customs & Trade COMMISSION LAUNCHES LEGAL ACTION AGAINST SIX MEMBER STATES OVER CUSTOMS IT DELAYS

The European Commission has initiated legal proceedings against six Member States for failing to comply with key obligations under the Union Customs Code (UCC). Letters of formal notice have been sent to Czechia, Denmark, Greece, Austria, Romania and Slovakia for not fully deploying the electronic systems for Temporary Storage and the National Import System required for air transport.

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EVENTS

CLECAT Meetings and participation in events International Transport Forum 21-23 May, Leipzing CLECAT Air Freight Logistics Institute meeting 26 May, Online CLECAT Supply Chain Security Institute meeting 28 May, Online CLECAT Board 17 June, Gdansk CLECAT General Assembly 17 June, Gdansk CLECAT Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute meeting 17 June, Gdansk EU Meetings European Parliament

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> European Parliament Environment Committee 12-13 May, Brussels European Parliament Transport Committee 14-15 May, Brussels European Parliament Plenary 21-22 May, Brussels Council of the EU Transport Council 5 June, Luxembourg Environment Council 17 June, Luxembourg



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