



## Transfrigoroute International

The Inter-Professional Organisation Serving Temperature-Controlled Transport and Logistics

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### **Calls to action to EU Institutions and Member States: requesting increased support for the temperature-controlled transport sector and its drivers to deliver its critical mission**

In these times of crisis, temperature-controlled transport is fulfilling its critical mission of constantly supplying food and pharmaceutical products to European citizens, hospitals and pharmacies in a safe and timely manner. Our drivers, however, face increasing difficulties to perform their duties safely, as containment measures cause additional strain especially in cross-border logistics.

Transfrigoroute International calls on all national and local administration to ensure drivers have **unrestricted access to service and parking facilities**, both on the road and while loading and unloading, and to appropriate protective equipment. As confinement measures persist, TI calls for an **extension of validity for certifications for trucks and drivers**, until testing procedures can resume safely.

#### **Looking ahead**

René Moeijes, President of TI, states that “the temperature-controlled transport sector will continue to play its part in the efforts towards a greener and increased sustainable Union. However, steps must be taken to reduce the economic impact of the present Covid-19 crisis and provide certainty to operators and suppliers”.

Transfrigoroute International calls on the EU as well as national and local institutions to:

- Harmonise at EU level the **definitions** and **criteria for access to zero- and low-emission zones** in urban areas, as well as other restrictions targeting internal combustion engine vehicles, to avoid a patchwork of regulations that has a great impact on operations.
- **Exclude refrigerated transport from driving bans** in city centres or grant appropriate, off-peak or night-time slots for low noise, “PIEK-certified” vehicles and trained operators. While low-emission solutions for freight transport are tested and rolled out, the critical importance of refrigerated transport for food and pharmaceutical products must be recognized within existing and future regulations.
- **Leverage investments and targeted funding** to lower the cost of greener trucks running on alternative fuels, which remains prohibitive for many operators, and support the expansion of a **network of charging points**.
- **Improve the proposed certification scheme for Safe and Secure Parking Areas** by including provisions for electric power supply, so that the refrigerating equipment can always preserve the cold chain while saving energy consumption and reducing noise and engine emissions. Safe parking areas must also better protect drivers and goods against crime.

#### **About Transfrigoroute International**

Established in 1955, Transfrigoroute International (TI) is the only specialist independent umbrella association for the temperature-controlled road transport industry at the European Union level. TI members include national associations representing the temperature-controlled sector, haulage companies involved with transport at controlled temperatures of foodstuffs and other goods in solid or liquid form, trailer manufacturers, manufacturers of refrigeration equipment and technical testing providers. TI membership is also open to companies providing technical assistance, insurance, damage assessment and legal services, and en-route support.