



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA  
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,  
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DEAR COMMISSIONER VĂLEAN,

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The Bulgarian side has repeatedly expressed its gratitude for all the efforts made by the Commission for the implementation of border management measures to ensure the free flow of transport traffic since the start of the Coronavirus outbreak. We consider that the effective coordination at EU level is crucial for solving a significant number of problems in the road transport sector during the current complex situation in the EU.

Unfortunately, despite the joint efforts of all the Member States and the Commission, there are still current constraints to the free flow of transport traffic. We are witnessing new unilateral measures and restrictions on drivers, imposed by Member States, that cause difficulties in carrying out transportation of goods by road across the EU and, as a result, cause the obstruction of availability of essential services. The transport companies have problems in the attempts to pursue their activities because of the problematic crossing through major important trade routes in Europe.

The free movement of drivers is necessary for the continuity of freight traffic. In this regard, we welcome only synchronized measures taken by the Member States. We consider that without taking prompt and adequate actions at EU level to resolve the problems exposed, we are taking a step back to the pandemic conditions as of March 2020. Moreover, we put what has been achieved, thanks to the Green Lanes initiative, at a serious destructive trial.

We call for urgent protection of the free traffic flow and for keeping the Green Lanes operational. We strongly believe that measures should remain proportionate and coordinated in order to avoid the disruption of transport. Furthermore, the continuation of decisive coordinated actions in order to provide free flow of transport traffic will significantly decrease the harmful impact on the European road transport sector and on the European economy.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration to you.

Yours sincerely,

*На основание §1, т.1 от ДР на ЗЗЛД*

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