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CLECAT CALLS FOR URGENT SECTOR INQUIRY IN THE CONTAINER SHIPPING SECTOR TO REMOVE UNFAIR AND DISCRIMINATORY RULES

European businesses continue to experience rising container shipping costs, a record low level of reliability and reduced choice of services. Massive freight rate hikes over the last 18 months have led to damaging inflation and increases in the Union's costs of living as recently identified by the OECD.

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CLECAT CUSTOMS INSTITUTE MEETS

On 18 February, CLECAT's Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute (CITI) met online to discuss ongoing regulatory developments at EU and national level and reflect on important developments concerning post Brexit EU-UK trade and the future of the EU Customs Union. The CITI re-elected its Chair, Dimitri Sérafimoff, from Forward Belgium, and Vice-Chair, Olivier Thouard, representing TLF Overseas, who will continue to guide the work of the Institute for another term of two years.

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TRAN DRAFT REPORT ON AFIR

On 14 February, the TRAN Committee published the draft report of MEP Ismail Ertug (S&D, Germany), Rapporteur on the Commission proposal for a Regulation on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure, the so-called AFIR. Mr Ertug tabled 131 amendments, which will drive the negotiations among MEPs within the Committee.

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTS THE REVISED EUROVIGNETTE DIRECTIVE

The European Parliament in Plenary session formally adopted on 17 February the revised Eurovignette Directive, updating the rules defining the charges member states can impose on trucks and lorries, but also buses, vans and passenger cars using trans-European transport (TEN-T) network roads. All amendments tabled for this vote have been rejected, the Parliament has therefore adopted the Council position which concludes the legislative procedure.

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CALL FOR EVIDENCE ON THE WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS DIRECTIVE

On 18 February, CLECAT submitted its input to the call for evidence on the evaluation of the Directive 96/53/EC on weights and dimensions for heavy duty-vehicles. CLECAT welcomes the initiative to revise the Directive, setting standards for the maximum authorised weights and dimensions of heavy-duty vehicles used in national and international transport. This revision should contribute to a more efficient and low-emission transport system and harmonised rules for cross-border operations.

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TRAN DISCUSSES 'FUELEU MARITIME' PROPOSAL

On 2nd February, the TRAN Committee held a first debate on the FuelEU Maritime proposal, which aims to promote sustainable maritime fuels and forms part of the 'Fit for 55' legislative package. The Rapporteur Jörgen Warborn (EPP, Sweden) started by emphasising the need to maintain the competitiveness of the EU maritime sector in the international context and to avoid excessive compliance costs.

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COMMISSION PRESENTS RAIL EUROPE'S MASTER PLAN

On 2 February, the European Commission presented the Master Plan of Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (EU-Rail) at the meeting of the European Parliament's Transport and Tourism (TRAN) Committee. Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking, the successor of Shift2Rail, is the new European partnership on rail research and innovation.

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TRAN COMMITTEE DEBATES EU ETS FOR AVIATION AND CORSIA

On 7 February, the European Parliament's Transport and Tourism (TRAN) Committee held a joint debate following the presentations of the opinions on the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) for aviation (Rapporteur MEP Oetjen) and on the CORSIA (ICAO Carbon Offsetting Scheme for International Aviation) notification (Rapporteur MEP Zile).

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EASA LAUNCHES CYBERSECURITY IN AVIATION COMMUNITY

On 16 February, the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) launched a community website designed for professionals active in cybersecurity in aviation.

The website offers detailed information about regulations and standards, with a particular emphasis on information sharing and collaboration initiatives.

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ENISA - CERT-EU MINIMUM SET OF CYBERSECURITY BEST PRACTICES

On 14 February, the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) and the Computer Emergency Response Team for the EU Institutions, bodies and agencies (CERT-EU) published a joint set of cybersecurity best practices for public and private organisations in the EU.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLECAT Meetings

CLECAT Air Freight Institute
16 March 2022, location TBC

CLECAT Supply Chain Security Institute
16 March 2022, location TBC

CLECAT Road Logistics Institute
22 March 2022, Online

CLECAT Board
23 March 2022, Online

EU Meetings

Council of the European Union

Informal meeting of transport ministers
21-22 February 2022, Le Bourget (France)

European Parliament

European Parliament Transport Committee
3 March 2022, Brussels

European Parliament Environment Committee
3 March 2022, Brussels

European Parliament Plenary
7-10 March 2022, Strasbourg

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