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ARE YOU READY FOR ICS2?

On 6 July, CLECAT and DG TAXUD are organising a workshop to support freight forwarders to prepare for the new EU customs advance cargo information system. The workshop will be held in Brussels, but participants will also be provided with an opportunity to join online.

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EC INITIATES ACTIONS ON THE EU-UKRAINE SOLIDARITY LANES

On 19 May, CLECAT participated in a meeting organised by DG MOVE to discuss the actions related to transport outlined in the Communication to facilitate Ukraine's agricultural export and bilateral trade with the EU. This Communication identifies the bottlenecks and puts forward an action plan on

what is needed to unlock the potential and scale up the transport of the export of agricultural products of Ukraine.

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ENVI COMMITTEE ADOPTS ITS REPORT ON CBAM

On 17 May, the EP ENVI Committee adopted their report on the proposed regulation establishing a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). The ENVI Committee calls for a broader scope and faster implementation of the CBAM to raise global climate ambition. The report is scheduled for a vote at the plenary session 6-9 June after which Parliament will be ready to start negotiations with the Council.

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AGREEMENT ON SINGLE WINDOW FOR CUSTOMS

On 19 May, the Council and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on a single window (SW) for customs which sets the appropriate conditions for digital collaboration between customs and partner competent authorities. The provisional agreement is subject to approval by the Council and the European Parliament before going through the formal adoption procedure.

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ENVI COMMITTEE ADOPTS REPORT ON ETS

On 17 May, the EP's ENVI Committee adopted their report on the revision of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS). MEPs supported the inclusion of emissions from maritime transport into the main ETS and the creation of a separate ETS for road transport emissions.

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Maritime

SHANGHAI LOCKDOWN FURTHER DISRUPTS MARITIME SUPPLY CHAINS WARNS DREWRY

Maritime consultant Drewry published on 17 May a briefing on the potential consequences of the lockdown in the Shanghai region to global maritime supply chains. Drewry estimates that the lockdown has further stressed the global maritime supply chain which is currently facing reduced capacity due to pervasive congestion. However, the reduction in volumes could speed up the normalisation of liner network performance and port productivity, with port congestion easing in the US and Europe.

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Maritime

TRAN COMMITTEE DEBATES FUELEU MARITIME

On 17 May, the EP's Transport (TRAN) Committee held a debate on the amendments (here and here) to Rapporteur Jorgen Warborn's (EPP, Sweden) draft report on the FuelEU Maritime proposal. The Rapporteur welcomed the agreement among most MEPs on the need for technological neutrality, saying that this was the best way to ensure that the energy transition was designed in a cost-effective way.



Supply Chain Security

PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT ON NIS2

On 13 May, the Council and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the revision of measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union (NIS2), to further improve the resilience and incident response capacities of both the public and private sector and the EU as a whole. Once adopted, the NIS2 Directive will replace the current directive on security of network and information systems (the NIS Directive).



FRENCH PRESIDENCY EVENT ON ROAD TRANSPORT

On 20 May, CLECAT participated in an event organised by the French Presidency in Paris, to discuss social rights, technological challenges, and environmental issues in road transport. Speakers from the institutions and the sector emphasised that a proper enforcement and implementation of the new rules on road transport introduced by the First Mobility Package were essential to ensure a fairer single market and improved social rights for drivers.



Customs & Trade

EU AND US STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP

On 16 May, the EU and the US held the second Ministerial Meeting of the Trade and Technology Council (TTC) in Paris and reaffirmed their close cooperation to address global trade and technology challenges in line with their shared commitment to democracy, freedom and human rights. The EU and the US expressed strong shared commitment to supporting Ukraine against Russian military aggression and agreed on concrete measures already delivered and to be further continued within the TTC.

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NEW WTO DATA PORTAL

The World Trade Organization (WTO) has launched a new WTO data portal to provide easy access to key databases offering trade statistics and information on WTO members' trade-related measures. The new portal allows users to navigate a wide range of WTO databases covering trade in goods, services, dispute

settlement, environmental measures, trade-related intellectual property rights and more.

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EU ADOPTS TRADE LIBERALISATION MEASURES WITH UKRAINE

On 24 May, the Council adopted a regulation allowing for temporary trade liberalisation and other trade concessions on certain products originating in Ukraine.



COMMISSION CALLS ON SWEDEN TO FULLY TRANSPOSE 4TH RAILWAY PACKAGE

On 19 May, the European Commission decided to send a reasoned opinion to Sweden regarding its failure to notify the Commission of transposition measures for the rail interoperability and rail safety rules as set out in Directive (EU) 2016/797 and Directive (EU) 2016/798.

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Rail

SPANISH SUPPORT FOR RAIL FREIGHT DUE TO WAR IN UKRAINE

On 16 May, the European Commission approved a €1.8 million Spanish scheme to support private rail freight companies in the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The scheme was approved under the State Aid Temporary Crisis Framework, adopted by the Commission on 23 March 2022, based on Article 107(3)(b) TFEU, recognising that the EU economy is experiencing a serious disturbance. Under the scheme, the aid will take form of direct grants.



CLECAT Meetings

CLECAT Air Freight Institute

14 June 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

CLECAT Supply Chain Security Institute

14 June 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

CLECAT Road Logistics Institute

15 June 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

CLECAT Maritime Logistics Institute

15 June 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

CLECAT Board

16 June 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

CLECAT General Assembly

16 June 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

CLECAT Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute

17 June 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

EU Meetings

European Parliament

European Parliament Plenary

6-9 June 2022, Strasbourg

European Parliament Environment Committee

2 June 2022, Brussels

European Parliament Transport Committee

15-16 June 2022, Brussels

Council of the EU

Transport Council

2 June 2022, Luxembourg

Environment Council

28 June 2022, Luxembourg



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