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H.E. Ambassador Søren Jacobsen
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Danish Representation to the European Union
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Subject: urgent call for a swift, enabling review of the Weights and Dimensions Directive

Dear Ambassador Søren Jacobsen,

The undersigned parties look forward to an enabling General Approach on the Weights and Dimensions (W&D) Directive under Denmark's Presidency of the Council. The ongoing review, which the European Commission proposed in July 2023, is critical to accelerate the uptake of zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles (ZEVs). We now count on your leadership to help secure a regulatory framework that supports the transition of the road freight sector to ZEVs.

Moderate weight allowances for ZEVs are needed to compensate for the weight of zero-emission technologies and ensure a level playing field with fossil-fuelled vehicles. We are concerned that recent Council discussions appear to be moving towards reducing all weight allowances for ZEVs. This risks undermining the Directive's objective to facilitate the shift to zero-emission road freight. We also want to emphasise the importance of addressing the needs of intermodal transport. The movement of goods in a single loading unit across multiple transport modes significantly enhances freight efficiency, and targeted weight allowances can further boost its effectiveness.

Through moderate weight allowances, we call on you to make sure there will be enough road network availability for heavier ZEVs in all EU countries. In fact, weight allowances for ZEVs are beneficial as long as ZEVs are allowed to circulate on EU roads. Restricting heavier ZEVs on minimal sections of the TEN-T core network in several Member States would create planning challenges and fail to ensure last-mile connectivity. We urge you to ensure broad road network availability to support the EU's industry transition to clean freight.

We look forward to your support in accelerating the review of the W&D Directive to facilitate the industrial transition to ZEVs.

Yours sincerely,

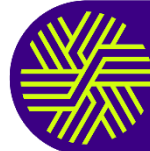


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