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European Commission
Mrs. Adina Ioana VĂLEAN, Commissioner for Transport

Ref.: request for EC urgent intervention to clarify the documents required by German authorities for Romanian professional drivers travel to Germany, according to EC Green Lanes Guidelines

Dear Commissioner,



Hereby, we would like to revert to our letter 695/13.04.2020, asking for EC urgent intervention to ensure the free movement of Romanian professional drivers in EU. The National Union of Road Hauliers from Romania – UNTRR continues to ask for your urgent intervention against divergent application by Germany of the Communication from the Commission on the implementation of the Green Lanes, as regards the additional travel documents imposed by German authorities to Romanian professional drivers traveling by car in order to reach their trucks from Germany and operate road transports according to their contracts.



May we signalize to you the uncertainty faced by Romanian transport companies when organizing the travel of their professional drivers by car/8+1 vehicles in order to reach their trucks in Germany, as it is not clear which are the documents required by German authorities, despite the provisions of EC Green lanes guidelines that “Drivers of freight vehicles should not be asked to produce any document other than their identification and driving licence and if necessary a standard template letter from the employer (Annex 3).”

German authorities do not follow the EC Green Lanes guidelines and ask Romanian companies for additional documents from their clients/partners in Germany, in order to allow Romanian drivers’ travel to Germany. However, there are no clear provisions on which documents are required and the situation at the Romanian border crossing Nădlac I is like a lottery: some Romanian drivers are allowed to go without any additional documents while other drivers are not allowed to travel to Germany in order to reach their trucks, despite the letters from German partners. Some drivers were allowed after 1-2 days waiting at border crossing point between Romania – Hungary and some were told ironically “if you were agriculture worker - you would be allowed”. In this context, the situation is extremely uncertain for any Romanian transport company.



We ask for EC urgent intervention in order to clarify the documents required by German authorities for Romanian professional drivers traveling to Germany in order to reach their trucks, urging Germany to comply with EC guidelines and to ensure the free movement within the EU of Romanian workers involved in international transport in order to avoid economic blockages in the difficult context of Covid-19 outbreak in EU.

Looking forward for your kind reply, I thank you and assure you of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary General
Radu DINESCU

