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Thank you for your letter of 16 January to Patrick McLoughlin, highlighting your concerns about the new German minimum wage law. I am replying as the Transport Minister responsible for this issue.

The main trade bodies representing the road transport sector have raised concerns with the UK Government about the appropriateness of the new provisions, in particular concerns relating to the application to international road transport and transits through Germany.

The trade bodies have highlighted the significant scale of the new bureaucratic burdens imposed on the sector arising from the method of implementation used, specifically the pre-notification and the additional record keeping requirements being imposed.

The UK Government will continue to discuss the issues arising from this with our local trade bodies and others.

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