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## **Joint position on the internal market for road transport**

We, transport and logistics organisations from Denmark, Norway, UK, Finland, France, Sweden and Austria are working jointly together for an internal road transport market based on efficiency, safety, social standards and fair competition.

For achieving this objective we believe the following principles must be the basis for a sustainable and fair internal market:

- Road hauliers must have the right to develop a sustainable business based on compliance, high social standards, safe and secure operations and fair competition
- A level playing field is only achieved by respecting the social standards applicable in the country in which the transport operation is carried out
- The freedom of the internal market is two-fold: The right to carry out temporary cabotage operations in connection with international journeys and the right to establish your business in any EU country on the basis of requirements
- Cabotage operations are thus an exemption to the normal requirement of establishment. As such cabotage operations must only be allowed on a temporary basis, such as is the case today. Any other approach would lead to social dumping and unfair competition between hauliers offering the same service in the same market.
- Only by being based on these two interlinked freedoms can the EU Internal Market develop into a fair and equal competition market offering road transport services and jobs of high quality.
- National and EU authorities must recognise their obligation to ensure a fair and equal competition by ensuring the harmonised application of rules, controls and sanctions; by ensuring that all road hauliers operating in a country face the same conditions as concerns social condition, taxation and charging, safety and security, health and safety at work.

The road transport industry in the EU is ready to face the challenges of sustainability, climate change, labour market shortages, increased safety concerns in cooperation with national and European authorities.

What we ask in return is the right to run a business based on compliance, safety and high social standards ensuring quality jobs and services also in the future.

The competitiveness of the European economy will depend on a high quality road haulage industry that can deliver also in the future.

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