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Dear Ms Marian,

Thank you for bringing to my attention your views in relation to the measure adopted by France to signal blind spots on heavy goods vehicles.

You express your concerns about the practical implementation of the measure and the consequences for transport companies, which you are of course well placed to judge.

The measure was notified to the Commission by France, as required by the internal market legislation. At the time, the perception of our services was that the signalling of blind spots could result in some safety benefits, and therefore it could be justified from a road safety perspective. When taking this view they also considered the low cost of the measure.

However, I agree with you that measures of this kind must strike a fair balance between expected safety benefits and free movement of the vehicles in the internal market, to avoid placing a disproportionate burden on vehicle owners and operators.

I also understand that the timing of this measure is not the most appropriate, given the second wave of the Covid pandemic is creating difficult conditions for transport operators.

Therefore, having considered your submission, we will re-discuss the measure with our colleagues in the internal market department (DG GROW) and with the French authorities. If you have any further information on the expected impact of the measure on your members that could be useful for this discussion, please do not hesitate to share it with us.

In any case IRU or any of its members have the right to lodge a complaint if they consider this measure results in significant problems in international traffic, and could be in their view incompatible with EU law.

Yours faithfully,

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