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Subject: Road transport initiatives - Mobility package I - Study to support the assessment of the impacts of the obligation of regular return of the vehicle to the Member State of establishment – Stakeholder survey

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Consultants from Ricardo Nederland B.V, Ricardo-AEA Ltd (Ricardo), with support from Professor Alan McKinnon, are undertaking a study to support the European Commission in the assessment of the impacts of the obligation of regular return of the vehicle to the Member State of establishment which is established in the revised Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 on access to the occupation of road transport operator, as agreed by the European Parliament and Council[1].

The objective of the study is to identify and assess the impacts of the measure on the climate and environment, on congestion and on the economy and internal market. The study will consider the social impacts on drivers, as well as business operations. The study will also take into account the new obligation for the regular return home of the driver which is established in the revised Regulation (EC) 561/2006 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport.

As part of this study, the contractors shall collect necessary data and feedback from key stakeholder groups that may be affected by the proposed change to the legal framework. Your cooperation is important for the successful compilation of these data sets.

One of the key consultation tools of this study, which is the basis for all the other subsequent tasks, is a survey of the main concerned stakeholders, of which you are part. We would therefore like to strongly encourage you to provide your contribution to the surveys managed by our contractors.

[1] Article 5(1)b) of the amended Regulation EC) No 1071/2009: "An undertaking shall organise its vehicle fleet's activity in such a way as to ensure that vehicles at the disposal of the undertaking and used in international carriage return to one of the operational centres in that Member State at least within eight weeks after leaving it.

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The surveys will be launched on 24 August 2020 and will last for 5 weeks, i.e. until 25 September 2020. Considering the objective of the Commission to have the results of this study by the end of 2020, our contractors can guarantee that the contributions of the stakeholders consulted will be taken into account only if they are submitted within the deadline of 25 September 2020. Please note that no extensions of this deadline will be allowed, as this would risk jeopardising the overall timing of the study.

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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