

# Joint position on the matter of revision of the Weights & Dimensions Directive

Joint vision of the Swedish Confederation of Transport Enterprises, the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, the Swedish International Freight Association, the Swedish Shippers' Council, the Swedish Forest Industries Federation, FinMobility, Confederation of Finnish Industries (EK), Federation of Finnish Enterprises, Finnish Forest Industries, Danish Industry, International Transport Denmark

We welcome the Polish EU-presidency's work on revision of the Weights & Dimensions Directive.

We believe that possibilities of Member States to authorise circulation within their territories of vehicles with higher weights and dimensions should remain unchanged in addition to a general increase in weight limits for zero emission vehicles to compensate for their heavy batteries. Traffic conditions vary considerably between different Member States and therefore the possibilities of improving energy efficiency and sustainability by using larger and heavier lorries should remain.

We welcome the amendments adopted by the Parliament to Article 4 of the Directive authorising cross border traffic to take place outside the scope of EMS and the conditions set out in Annex 1. Hereby maintaining existing transports between countries with larger and heavier vehicles and vehicle combinations that are allowed on both sides of a border, without any limitation as to the number of frontiers that may be crossed or any need for an agreement or authorisation.

Allowing larger and heavier vehicles means that a larger amount of cargo can be transported with the same number of vehicles. Apart from being good for the climate this is also efficient from a business perspective. It can also, to a certain extent, help out with the driver shortage, as fewer drivers are needed to transport the same amount of cargo.

Increased weights and dimensions will not lead to a reverse modal shift. Transport modes complement each other.

We remain available for dialogue.

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