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Subject: Temporary relaxation of drivers' hours rules – Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006

Dear Mr. Liegeois,

Let me inform you that the Government of the Czech Republic adopted the state of emergency for the entire territory of the Czech Republic due to sudden spread of the pandemic COVID-19 (coronavirus). This state of emergency is declared as a law.

Due to the considerable limitation of number of border-crossings from and to the Czech Republic there have been already long lasting delays at border-crossings.

Therefore, I would like to inform you that the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic has decided to make use of the temporary exception in Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 on driving time and rest periods for **the whole period of 30 days, starting on 16 March 2020, 00:00 h.** This temporary exception **applies to all drivers involved in all transport of goods in the Czech Republic.** This exemption is justified by the still on-going pandemic of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the need for the transport industry to be able to deliver goods.

Yours sincerely,

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