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Welcome to the latest edition of Irish Freight & Logistics Monthly.

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We are aware of the communities need for an electronic platform for company announcements and press releases. We invite you to forward details to us for consideration in the next edition.

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- [European Commission DG proposal is Anticompetitive](#)



The latest amendment for a Regulation on dangerous goods, which will be voted on at the European Parliament's Strasbourg Plenary session on 4 September 2007, would give Member States the possibility to impose not only the use of prescribed routes, but also to prescribe modes of transport for dangerous goods.

The International Road Transport Union is totally against imposing on business the mode of transport to be used. Besides being anticompetitive and therefore questionable vis-à-vis European law, this will also gravely penalise the entire chemical goods industry, its competitiveness and especially the carriers of dangerous goods themselves.

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Airport 2007
September 19-20th
2007, Warsaw, Poland

World Low Cost
Airlines Congress
Congress
17-20 September 2007,
Great Britain, London

4th Thai Ports and
Shipping 2007
27 September 2007 - 28
September 2007,
Thailand

Transpotec-Logitec
2007 Exhibition and
Conference
October 4-7, Milan, Italy

4th Uzbekistan
International
exhibition
12 October 2007 - 14
October 2007,
Uzbekistan

2nd Southern Asia
Ports, Logistics and
Shipping 2007 India
Exhibition and
Conference
18 October 2007 - 19
October 2007, India

Dalian International
Freight Forwarders &
Logistics Cooperation
Forum
25 October 2007 - 27
October 2007, China

Logistics Ireland
October, Croke Park,
Dublin

3rd Trans Middle East
2007 Egypt Exhibition
and Conference
28 November 2007 - 29
November 2007, Egypt

6th ASEAN Ports and
Shipping 2008
Vietnam Exhibition
and Conference

Mr Paul Wauters, President of the IRU's Expert Group on Dangerous Goods (GEMD) and CEO of Wauters Tanktransport n.v stated that, "imposing modes of transport is something we would have expected from the former Soviet Union, not from the EU which is all about creating a single free market! For all ADR transport, it is imperative that the consignor, carrier and consignee maintain freedom of choice for the means of transport used. If we start to dictate such measures for our dangerous goods sector, we are certain to see the Chemical industry leave its European production plants to produce in countries outside the EU, hence impacting employment. All that will be achieved by the imposition of a prescribed mode of transport on prescribed routes, will be a huge penalty on the end customer, and on Europe's productivity and competitiveness".

• New UCP 600 Regulation



UCP 600, the new "ICC Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits" came into force on 1 July 2007. It replaces UCP 500 which has applied since 1994. UCP 600 is published by the ICC (International Chamber of Commerce, Paris).

While UCP does not have automatic force of law, it is almost universally recognised and incorporated into documentary credit contracts. The old UCP 500 provided in Article 30 that "transport documents issued by freight forwarders" were acceptable under documentary credits, provided that the document indicated the name of the freight forwarder as a carrier or multimodal transport operator or indicated that the freight forwarder acted as agent on behalf of a carrier or multimodal transport operator.

The new UCP 600 contains no equivalent to this, i.e. UCP 600 no longer expressly mentions "transport documents issued by freight forwarders". However, no change to the law in this regard is intended between UCP 500 and UCP 600. Under the new UCP 600, transport documents issued by freight forwarders simply fall under the pertinent provision in the list of Articles 19-25 of UCP 600, provided, of course, that these documents meet the general UCP requirements.

Thus, the FIATA "Multimodal Transport Bill of Lading" (FBL) will be acceptable under UCP 600, either as a "Transport Document" covering at least two different "Modes of Transport" under Article 19 of UCP 600 or as a "Bill of Lading" pursuant to Article 20 of UCP 600.

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The FIATA "Multimodal Transport Waybill (FWB) will be acceptable under UCP 600, as a "Non Negotiable Sea Waybill" pursuant to Article 21 of UCP 600.

The full text of UCP 600 is not available free of charge; it can be purchased on the ICC website www.iccwbo.org.

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- East-Link rebate to cost council €600,000 a year



Dublin City Council will lose an estimated €600,000 a year because of a rebate system introduced in May for trucks which use the East-Link bridge as reported recently in the Sunday Business Post.

The rebate was introduced with the paid permit system for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) using the city centre.

Permits costing €5 a day were introduced in February, under the council's strategy to reduce congestion in the city centre. The permits were introduced from May 14.

Almost €70,000 has been paid by haulage companies for permits to date, allowing them to make deliveries and carry out business in the city from 7am to 7pm.

Hauliers using the East Link toll bridge to cross from Dublin city's north port to its south port felt they were being unfairly tolled, as they were not entering the city centre. The council consequently agreed to offer hauliers a rebate on toll fees.

The charge for one HGV (four/five axle truck) crossing the bridge is €4.70. However, HGVs exiting the port for onward journeys can use the Dublin Port Tunnel for free.

- New IIFA President Announced



Finbarr Cleary of Celtic Forwarding Ltd, has been elected president of the Irish International Freight Association for 2007/08.

IIFA is the Association for freight forwarders, intermediaries and others involved in logistics and movement of freight by all modes.

The association was established in 1962 and has a membership, which accounts for the majority of freight

forwarding and logistics firms operating in Ireland.

- DAA and Aer Lingus count the cost of Elite closure



Aer Lingus and the Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) have lost significant sums of money following the collapse of Elite Logistics, a Dublin air freight logistics business as reported recently in the Sunday Business Post.

Elite operated from Dublin and Shannon Airports and specialised in organising transport for pharmaceutical and technology companies. At its peak, the company employed 40 people.

The directors of the company petitioned the High Court last week to wind up the business after it ran into financial difficulties.

The company has debts of between E1.3 million and E1.5 million. Aer Lingus is owed E300,000 by the company, while the DAA is owed E130,000. Another well known international freight company, is owed E200,000.

Elite Logistics, which was previously called Elite Kamino International, traded profitably until 2005, but began to experience a downturn last year. The company began to face increased competition from overseas players and also lost a number of significant contracts.

In addition, one of its major clients went into liquidation, and it was forced to absorb a bad debt of E200,000. The company tried to find outside suitable candidates to bail out the business in recent months, but was unable to attract any investors.

- EFL Launch Spanish Furniture Service



EFL in conjunction with Jubera SA are pleased to announce their Spanish Furniture Service. The weekly dedicated Furniture service commenced operations in February 2007. Furniture orders can be collected throughout all regions in mainland Spain and consolidated at the facilities of Jubera S.A. in Vitoria. Distribution throughout Ireland is completed by EFL International in Dublin.

EFL have for some years, operated a dedicated furniture

services from Como, Italy on a weekly basis. The inclusion of Spain will be followed by Holland and the U.K. later in the year.

- Competence for Professional Drivers



The Road Safety Authority (RSA) today Thursday 16th August 2007 launched a public consultation document on the planned introduction of a Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) for Professional Drivers.

"The Driver CPC, as it is known means that professional drivers will need to have additional training if driving for a living in addition to the requirement to have a driving licence," explained Noel Brett, Chief Executive, RSA. "Its purpose is to set and maintain high standards of safety and driving among drivers of trucks and buses across the EU."

"In Ireland in 2005 there were forty six deaths and eighty serious injuries as a result of crashes involving either trucks or buses. Improving driving skills will lead to fewer casualties on our roads giving greater protection to more vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, motorcyclists, cyclists the very young and older people."

The consultation process will last for eight weeks from 16 August 2007 and gives the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. A consultation document outlining the proposals for the introduction of Driver CPC is available from the RSA website (www.rsa.ie)

- Eucon starts weekly Dublin to Dunkirk run



EUCON, the container shipping arm of the Irish Continental Group, has inaugurated a weekly service between Dublin and the

French port of Dunkirk.

The 510 teu MV Emma made its first departure from Dunkirk yesterday and will in future call at the French port every Wednesday and at Dublin every Friday.

Eucon said the new service would extend the company's European line network and offer an attractive transit time to Dublin. "Our aim is to use this service to capitalise on new business opportunities out of northern France and some southern Belgian destinations," it said.

Port of Dunkirk director general Jean-Claude Terrier said the new line would further the port's efforts to position itself in the shortsea sector, adding: "It bears witness to the growing attractiveness of the port of Dunkirk for container traffic."

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