

**TO: Members of the Road Logistics Institute**

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**REFERENCE: CI-2010/367 (Road) – CI367OETro101001TypeAppVeh**

**SUBJECT: European Commission plans on limiting trailer height to four metres**

Brussels, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010

Dear Madam/Sir,

It has come to the attention of CLECAT Secretariat that the European Commission is currently working on a draft proposal for recasting of the type approval directives for lorries and trailers. It appears that the Commission is studying the possibility to limit trailer height to four metres throughout the European Union in order to simplify the rules on weight and dimensions and improve vehicle standards.

For your information, some UK Manufacturers have already expressed their concerns that such a proposal, if it became law, would spell the end in UK of high-roof and multi-deck trailers and would undermine their significant investments. UK Pallet networks and operators also criticised this action from the European Commission, claiming that it would increase costs, carbon emissions, and road congestion through reduced loadfill.

The Secretariat will keep you informed about further developments on this topic.

Best regards

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