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Austrian Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology
Leonore GEWESSLER- Federal Minister

Ref. clarification request - Movement of truck drivers and seasonal workers to/from Austria from/to Romania and in transit through Austria to other EU countries

Dear Ms. GEWESSLER,

The National Union of Road Hauliers from Romania - UNTRR, as the professional and employers' association representing Romanian road transport companies is highly concerned on the impact of COVID-19 outbreak on road transport and on the movement of truck drivers in the European Union.



Hereby, we address you with the kind request to clarify the means of transport allowed for professional truck drivers and seasonal workers when travelling to/from Austria from/to Romania and in transit through Austria to other EU countries.

In its **Green Lanes Communication of 23 March**, the EC set up the principle of the free movement of transport workers which was supported by the EU Heads of **States and Governments in their joint statement of 26 March**. As part of the overall effort to keep essential transport flows moving, EC urges the Member States to take action to ensure the free movement within the EU of all workers involved in international transport in all transport modes and states that workers should not be prevented from crossing an internal border in order to carry out their transport functions.



In the light of the above mentioned, we kindly ask you **to clarify the means of transport allowed in your country for the truck drivers moving in order to carry out their transport functions and also for seasonal workers. In this respect, kindly inform us if you accept the travel to/from Austria from/to Romania and in transit through Austria to other EU countries for the following categories of workers:**

- Truck drivers who hold a CPC and a digital tachograph card
- LCVs drivers who are driving vehicles bellow 3.5 tones
- seasonal workers from agriculture and other fields.



Please clarify if these workers can travel by cars, including 8+1 seats vehicles and also by charter coach lines, as it is allowed by charter plane lines, provided that they comply with the social distancing rules.

Looking forward for your kind reply, I thank you and assure you of our highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary General
Radu DINESCU

