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**IRU REQUESTS A MORATORIUM ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE WEEKLY
REST BAN UNTIL 31 JULY 2017**

Sehr geehrter Herr Minister,

IRU, the world's road transport organisation, has been informed recently that a new law prohibiting spending the regular weekly rest on board of commercial transport vehicles enters into force in Germany on 25 May 2017.

The IRU Members, road haulage operators, are extremely concerned by the lack of practical information and guidelines on how to comply with the new measures of the German government. The details of the new law have not been officially communicated to the road transport industry in which especially foreign based operators will be most affected.

Before any measure with such a profound impact on the industry is introduced, it is crucial to provide sufficient information to international road transport operators, together with a reasonable period of adaptation.

IRU therefore requests that a moratorium on the enforcement of the ban is introduced, at least until 31 July 2017, so that transport operators can adapt to the new provisions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Maedge', is written over a horizontal line.

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