Template for Member States to notify their derogation from driving and rest times pursuant to Art. 14(2) of Regulation 561/2006

In response to the extraordinary crisis situation due to the pandemic of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), **BELGIUM** has agreed to a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for all drivers of vehicles active in the transport of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 and the purpose of this document is to notify the Commission accordingly.

This temporary relaxation applies from **26/03/2020** and will run until **25/04/2020**. It will apply to those drivers involved in the delivery of goods domestically and internationally.

**BELGIUM** has made it clear that driver and road safety must not be compromised. Drivers should not be expected to drive whilst tired - employers remain responsible for the health and safety of their employees and other road users.

For the above-mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- **Derogation to Article 8(8) of Regulation 561/2006**: suspension of the ban on drivers spending their normal weekly rest period in the vehicle cabin.

The temporary relaxation of the rules described above reflects the exceptional circumstances stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak. **BELGIUM** wishes to emphasise that, as a general rule, we expect business to plan for and manage the risks of disruption to supply chains.

The Minister of Transport

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