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**IRU - ETF JOINT STATEMENT ON THE FURTHER OPENING
OF THE EU ROAD HAULAGE MARKET**

The European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) hereby state their joint view that at the moment conditions are not in place to allow further opening of the EU road haulage market.

The IRU and the ETF would like to signal that changes to the EU rules on access to the market including changes in the cabotage rules shall be linked with accompanying harmonisation measures especially in enforcement, social and fiscal area. Without these preconditions, changes to the cabotage rules risk to have negative impact on fair competition and sustainability of the sector.

The existing rules must be enforced in the meanwhile.