

Tuesday 9 April 2019

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Newbury North

M4, Junction 13, Oxford Road, Newbury, RG20 8XY

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

- The meeting was chaired by Peter Staines from M&S Transport Temperature Control
- Roundtable introductions were made
- Minutes from the last meeting were proposed and seconded

COMPETITION LAW COMPLIANCE

- Members were reminded of the competition law compliance rules

REPORT FROM UK COUNCIL 7 February 2019

- Including outcomes on Vehicle Operator Licensing priorities for development, Parallel MOT Testing and Ultra Low Emission Roads.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Members were updated on recent issues including Transport Taxation, HGV test availability, Clean Air Zones and OTC Review.

REGIONAL ITEMS

G9 OXFORD ZERO EMISSION ZONE

- Members received an update on the potential changes to Oxford's Zero Emission Zone proposal, which could bring HGVs into scope as early as 2020. Vans and HGVs entering the central, red zone would need to be zero-emission capable during the hours of 10:00am and 6:00pm, with any non-compliant vehicles receiving a Penalty Charge Notice.
- The larger green zone, which would cover the whole of Oxford could potentially include HGVs from 2020. FTA met with Oxford City Council and advised them of the implications this would have on logistics, especially given the definition of a zero-emission vehicle excludes all HGVs and most vans.
- FTA will continue to work closely with Oxford and will update members accordingly.

G8 SOUTHAMPTON CLEAN AIR ZONE

- Southampton has rejected its original proposal for a Category B chargeable Clean Air Zone, in favour of noncharging measures. They are now compiling a package of non-charging measures that will reduce their emissions including; Opportunities for businesses to assess and trial freight consolidation, thereby removing HGV trips within the city, an accreditation scheme for HGV operators so business can identify those who are the least polluting, and port measures, including shore-side power and preferential rates of the port HGV booking scheme.

- FTA are seeking further information on the proposed freight consolidation trial, HGV accreditation scheme and the port measures, and will keep members updated.

POYLE ROAD NARROWING SCHEME

- Members were updated on a previous consultation, which put forward three options for a width restriction scheme along Poyle Road, to reduce HGV movements. None of the options were considered suitable, and FTA responded to the consultation expressing our concerns and did not hear anything further for 18 months
- The consultation is now back on the agenda, and FTA are seeking further details. Members were invited to provide further information on how they would be affected by the scheme.

PORTSMOUTH BREXIT CONTINGENCY PLAN

- Members were briefed on Portsmouth's contingency plan in the event of a no deal Brexit. Portsmouth have set up a traffic management plan to mitigate any delays to vehicles entering the port, should any additional freight be diverted from Dover.

LONDON ITEMS

G1 DIRECT VISION STANDARD

- Members were updated on the progression of the Direct Vision Standard and the safe system permit
- Members expressed concerns over the tightening up of the scheme, and the potential for Cambridge to also introduce DVS. The potential for more cities to follow suit is a growing concern, with a mayoral commitment to improve safety, despite there not being any evidence that DVS will improve safety.

M4 SMART MOTORWAY PROJECT FOR JUNCTIONS 3-12

- Members received a presentation from guest speaker Nick Cooper who is working on behalf of Highways England, on their M4 smart motorway project for junctions 3-12 and other planned future developments
- Slides from the meeting will be circulated with the minutes

BREXIT

- Members received an update on the latest situation and discussed the implications for logistics operations
- FTA's position is unchanged, and members should prepare for a no deal Brexit, if members would like further information on the latest developments they are advised to sign up to our Brexit digest.

A2 ROADWORKS INFORMATION

- Members discussed the potential shortcomings in information provision regarding roadworks from roads authorities, and its effects on logistics.
- Members were asked to provide suggestions on what they needed in terms of future information provision to improve the service

A3/A4 HGV EXCELLENCE SCHEMES

- **FORS Reform**- members were briefed on TfL's proposed reform and asked to comment on whether it met the industry's requirements. Members were asked if they agreed with FTA's proposed model and to give any additional suggestions for changes.
- **Earned Recognition (ER) benefits**- Members were asked to provide suggestions on potential future benefits for ER to make it worthwhile for the logistics industry.

A5 BRAKE TESTING VEHICLES IN A LADEN STATE

- Members discussed the consideration given from the Traffic Commissioners as to whether more should be done to encourage brake testing at inspections to be conducted in a laden state.
- Members also discussed if the exemption given to tri-axle trailers to be tested unladen at annual inspection should be reviewed
- There was a high level of concern over where was the justification for these changes and questioned if FTA should be calling out the Traffic Commissioners for acting beyond their remit.

A6 DRIVER CPC

- Members were asked to provide feedback regarding certain elements within the Driver CPC regulations that could potentially be affected by the implementation of the new EU Directive, including work-based learning, e-learning and distance learning as part of the courses.

A7 PROPOSED BAN ON USE OF OLDER TYRES

- Members were asked to decide FTA's response to the DfT upcoming consultation on banning the use of 10+ year old tyres on HGVs

A8 DRIVERS' HOURS RECORDING IN MULTI-MANNING OPERATIONS

- A clarification of the requirements for recording drivers' hours in multi-manning operations has exposed operational challenges in the Waste Sector.
- Members were asked to explore if this will affect any other operators, so they could be included in the solution

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- DVLA taxation of commercial vehicles over 12 ton is still an issue, if paying by direct debit, members are also experiencing problems when paying at the post office
- Working at height above the cab – there is growing concern that new guidance will remove the ability for operators to use other measures when working at height. There is a concern that there won't be a uniform standard.

UK COUNCIL

- Attendance was agreed for the next UK Council meeting on the 9 May, at One Great George Street

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday 25 June 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Newbury North

ATTENDEES

Chairman

Peter Staines M&S Transport Temperature Control

Council Members

Mick Arnold Cleansing Service Group
Chris Cooling Day Aggregates
Matt Davis Howard Tenens
Kelly Fraser Vitacress Salads
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Derek Jennings Day Aggregates
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