Consultation on permitting bus and lorry drivers with diabetes to use glucose monitoring systems

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About Logistics UK

Logistics UK is one of the country's largest business groups, and the only trade association which represents all of logistics. Our mission is to support, shape and stand up for safe and efficient logistics. Our membership of more than 20,000 includes global, national and regional businesses and SMEs spanning road, rail, inland waterways, sea and air as well as the buyers of freight services, such as retailers and manufacturers. We deliver services, representation and thought leadership, helping members and policy makers to seize new opportunities for the sector and the economy as a whole, right across the country.

The logistics sector

The logistics sector underpins the economy, safely and efficiently delivering for its households, businesses and public services, every day. It is critical, national infrastructure, comprising road, rail, maritime and air transport, together with warehousing, ports and other logistics hubs.

There is widespread consensus that UK productivity and growth is too low. By putting logistics first, with the right partnerships, regulations and investment, government can deliver productivity gains that will supercharge the UK economy by up to £8 billion per year by 2030.

- Logistics delivers big public value on small margins, ensuring the availability of the products households, businesses and public services rely on, every day. This strengthens connections between businesses and their customers, facilitating market expansion, boosting competition, and encouraging innovation.

- Logistics is a major sector in its own right. It contributes £185 billion to the economy each year (12% of UK non-financial GVA), is one of the UK's largest employers, providing good jobs with strong career progression – 2.7 million people (8% of the UK workforce) are employed in logistics roles, and its key hubs provide a catalyst for further growth and investment, helping places to thrive.

Consultation response

Logistics UK agrees with changing the law to allow Group 2 drivers to use Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems (CGMS) to monitor their glucose levels whilst driving.

Evidence backed policymaking is fundamental to our work at Logistics UK so we are therefore satisfied that, with the analysis of the data gathered from medical trials and studies about the impact of these systems on drivers, that the evidence case supports this legal change. Logistics UK supports the views of the Honorary Medical Advisory Panel on driving and Diabetes Mellitus that these devices are helpful in a driving context for Group 2 drivers.

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