GB type approval scheme: cyber-security and software update requirements

Summary

Logistics UK is:

- **supportive** of the changes for GB unlimited series.
- **opposed** to the changes for GB medium series and for GB small series.

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 a safe, sustainable and efficient logistics sector. 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 customers of freight services, such as retailers and manufacturers. We deliver services, representation and thought leadership, helping members and policymakers to seize new opportunities for the sector and the economy as a whole, right across the country.

The logistics sector

Logistics underpins our economy and is fundamental to our way of life. It supplies our hospitals, schools, factories, construction sites, shops and homes with everything they need, everywhere, every day – nothing moves without it.

The efficiency of logistics and the productivity of the economy are completely intertwined. Due to this relationship, Oxford Economics found in 2023 that getting the policy and infrastructure environment right for logistics would unlock up to £8 billion a year in productivity-led growth.

However, we are not currently going in the right direction. The UK fell from 4th to 19th place in the World Bank Logistics Performance index over the past decade, largely as a result of border friction and underinvestment in transport corridors.

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.

Logistics has transformed the UK and is now delivering for the future. It helped deliver the country's canals, roads, railways, airports and ports, has driven revolutions in global trade and e-commerce and is now innovating to deliver decarbonisation and even greater efficiency.

Consultation response

Logistics UK is supportive of GB's alignment to the EU for safety features that would prevent cyber-attacks.

We support the proposed changes for GB unlimited series (Vehicle types M [passenger carrying] or N [goods carrying] produced in quantities of over 1,500 units).

However, we are oppose the proposed changes for GB medium series (Vehicle types M and N produced in quantities of less than 1,500 units are produced each year) and for GB small series (all vehicle categories [including motorcycles and trailers] with production limits of either 250 or 500 units depending on the vehicle category), as this would impose additional cost on small and medium size enterprises.

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