

## TRANSPORT UPDATE



This month's Transport Update looks at the CORSIA consultation on aircraft emissions, a report on the UK market potential for connected and autonomous vehicles, Brexit, electric vehicles, green ports in Scotland and more.

### COVID-19

#### All UK travel corridors temporarily suspended to protect against new international variants

The UK government announced that from Monday 18 January, all travel corridors with the UK were suspended. All international arrivals who have departed from or transited through any country outside the Common Travel Area in the previous 10 days will be required to both take a pre-departure test, and self-isolate immediately for 10 days on arrival. This includes British and Irish nationals.

### Air Quality

#### The Low Emission Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/26)

In force: 31 May 2021

The purpose of this instrument is to set out provisions for prior consultation in relation to making, amending or revoking an Low Emission Zone (LEZ) by a local authority in Scotland. It also covers the examination of LEZ proposals, the approval of devices to be used for or in connection with the operation of a LEZ, and the keeping of accounts by local authorities regarding LEZs.

[Policy Note](#)

### Aviation

#### The Aviation Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI 2021/10)

In force: In accordance with regulation 1

This instrument amends five retained EU Regulations, to make provision in relation to the rules of the air for aircraft flying using visual flight rules (VFR) in Class D, F and G airspace, remove minimum age requirements for remote pilots of unmanned aircraft, and permit the use of a medical self-declaration to operate UK-registered Part-21 light aircraft in the UK.

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

#### Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill [HL] 2019-21

A Bill to make provision about airspace change proposals and about the licensing regime for air traffic services under the Transport Act 2000 Pt 1, to confer police powers relating to unmanned aircraft and requirements in air navigation orders and to provide for fixed penalties for certain offences relating to unmanned aircraft.

## **Implementing the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA): consultation**

A Department for Transport consultation proposes to implement the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) into UK law as an Air Navigation Order under the Civil Aviation Act 1982 s.60. A second Order, to be consulted on in 2022, will cover the second part of CORSA implementation (the offsetting requirements) and come into force by spring 2022. Consultation ends: 28 February 2021.

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## **Autonomous Vehicles**

### **Report on UK market potential for connected and autonomous vehicles**

A report sets out the industrial opportunity to the UK that could result from an increase of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAVs) and related technology. The study highlights the potential value of the domestic and global markets for CAVs and CAV technologies, the gross value added for UK production of CAVs and CAV technologies, and the potential for new UK jobs relating to the production of CAVs and CAV technologies. The report predicts the market for CAVs in the UK will be worth £41.7 billion by 2035.

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## **Brexit**

### **Transporting goods between Great Britain and the EU: guidance for hauliers and commercial drivers**

Guidance for haulage companies and commercial drivers moving goods between Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and the EU. The guidance explains what documents you need, how to follow new rules to manage traffic heading to ports, and new border control processes.

### **UK domestic and cross-border rail transport**

Guidance from the Department for Transport advises on UK domestic and cross-border rail operations. It highlights that EU-based operators must obtain the necessary documentation by 31 January 2022 to run services in Britain.

### **Infrastructure Projects and Brexit Briefing**

Our Infrastructure Projects and Energy team has produced a short briefing setting out the key Brexit-related primary legislation and key information on data protection, energy aspects, transport aspects and subsidy control.

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## **Bus**

### **Report: The future of public transport and the role of Local Government**

A report by SYSTRA Ltd, commissioned by the Local Government Association (LGA), on the future of public transport in England (outside London) with a focus on local bus services. The LGA states that it is seeking to influence the formation and delivery of the Government's national bus strategy in the context of a holistic consideration of public transport. The report covers: the ambitions of local authorities; enablers for the delivery of local authority ambitions; barriers to the delivery of local authority public transport ambitions; and areas that need to change.

### **Coventry and Oxford set to be UK's first all-electric bus cities**

Coventry and Oxford are developing proposals to become the first parts of the UK to run all-electric bus services. Addleshaw Goddard are currently acting for West Midlands Combined Authority, along with PwC and Steer, on the business case for the £50m Department for Transport grant to enable Coventry to become an all-electric bus city by 2025.

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## Decarbonisation

### Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO) guidance: 2021

Guidance from the Department for Transport on the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO). The [RTFO Amendment Order 2020](#) (SI 2020/1541) entered into force on 31 December 2020. The guidance provides information on complying, reporting and verifying with the RTFO process for fuel suppliers, independent verifiers and those supplying road transport biofuels.

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## Electric Vehicles

### Electric Vehicle Trading Scheme and Road Usage Duty (Consultation) Bill [HL] 2019-21

A Private Members' Bill to provide for a public consultation on the introduction of a trading obligation on vehicle manufacturers to increase the proportion of electrically propelled light passenger vehicles sold and on the introduction of a road usage duty to reduce transport carbon emissions; and to provide for graduated rates of duty to apply to modified vehicles.

### Written response to question: Electric Vehicles: Charging Points

A written response from the Department for Transport (DfT) to a question asking whether an assessment has been made of grid capacity in relation to electric vehicle charging, and what plans are in place to increase grid capacity to accommodate the electric vehicle charging infrastructure needed ahead of Government plans to ban the sale of petrol and diesel cars by 2030. The DfT states that following consultation on mandating that all private charge points sold or installed in the UK must be smart enabled, it intends to lay the relevant legislation during 2021.

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## Infrastructure

### Infrastructure policies and investment - Research Briefing

A House of Commons Library Research Briefing examines the current state of infrastructure in the UK, recent Government policies and levels and sources of investment.

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## Ports

### Green ports to aid economic recovery in Scotland

The Scottish Government is developing plans to establish fair, sustainable, green ports. These would adapt the UK government's freeport proposals, offering streamlined planning processes and a package of tax and customs reliefs.

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## Rail Network

### Transport Secretary launches £794 million investment to boost rail links in north and south of England

The Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, has announced plans to reopen two important rail routes closed in 1964 as part of the Beeching cuts. The new funding includes £760 million for the delivery of the next phase of East West Rail, which will reinstate direct rail services between Bicester and Bletchley. It also includes £34 million to progress plans to reopen the Northumberland line to passengers between Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Ashington. The Transport Secretary has also called on local authorities, MPs and community groups to submit bids for a share of the third and final round of the Department for Transport's Ideas Fund, designed to encourage proposals to reopen railway lines, services and stations.

## Consultation: Timetable options to improve rail performance in the north of England

A Department for Transport consultation proposes options to improve train performance in the Manchester area and beyond by altering the north of England rail timetable. Consultation ends: 10 March 2021.

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## Road Network

### Temporary relaxation of the enforcement of the retained EU drivers' hours rules

The Department for Transport and Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency have published joint guidance on the temporary relaxation of the enforcement of the retained EU drivers' hours rules in England, Scotland and Wales. The rules apply to drivers involved in the [international carriage of goods](#) by road and between Great Britain to Northern Ireland; and the [general haulage of goods](#) in Great Britain. The relaxation of the rules applies from 12.01 on 22 January 2021 until 23.59 on 31 March 2021.

### Coroner calls for smart motorway review

A coroner has called for a review of smart motorways after an inquest found that the lack of a hard shoulder on the M1 contributed to the deaths of two men in June 2019. Highways England has released a [statement](#) in response to the case stating that is considering a range of evidence on motorway safety as part of the Motorway Evidence Stocktake and Action Plan of March 2020, and that it expects the results of the stocktake to be published shortly.

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## Shipping

### Consultation outcome: The Merchant Shipping (Safety Standards for Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020

A Maritime and Coastguard Agency summary of the outcome of a 2020 consultation on proposals to amend the requirements for passenger ships on domestic voyages. The outcome report includes information on:

- The impacts of the Directive;
- Key areas where costs and benefits may arise for businesses;
- How long it would take to fully become familiarised with the amending statutory instrument and who would be responsible for changes within individual businesses;
- The potential of certain businesses to be disproportionately affected; and
- The possibility of any unintended consequences.

### BIMCO publishes sanctions clause for the container trade

BIMCO has published a new time charter sanctions clause specifically designed for the container shipping sector. The *Sanctions Clause for Container Vessel Time Charter Parties 2021* obliges an operator not to knowingly carry sanctioned cargo and to exercise the required due diligence to ensure that it does not ship such cargo.

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## Space

### UN and UK sign agreement to promote space sustainability

The UK is partnering with the United Nations to ensure that outer space remains safe and sustainable. UK funding of £85,000 will support international efforts to promote space sustainability by identifying examples of the sustainable use of outer space through a series of events and outreach efforts. It is the first project to be funded from the international element of the UK Space Agency's National Space Innovation Programme.

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