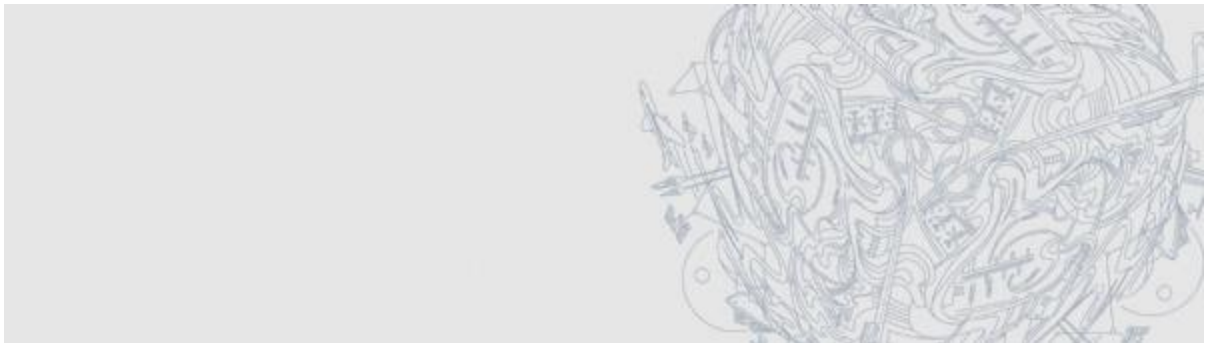


TRANSPORT UPDATE - OCTOBER 2020



Welcome to our latest monthly update, with the latest developments in the Transport sector in October.

COVID-19

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/1090)

In force: 30 October 2020

This instrument provides more detail on the information that operators of commercial transport services by sea, air or rail must provide to passengers at specified stages of the passenger journey. The instrument also introduces a requirement to provide specified information 24 – 48 hours before the scheduled departure time of services to the UK.

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/328)

In force: 30 October 2020

This instrument requires operators of commercial transport services on which passengers travel to Scotland to provide public health information to passengers 24 - 48 hours before the relevant service is scheduled to depart.

[Policy Note](#)

Global Travel Taskforce

Terms of reference have been published for a new Global Travel Taskforce, set up to support the travel industry and the safe recovery of international travel following the coronavirus pandemic. Work is to begin with industry on how to safely reduce the self-isolation period with testing. The taskforce will also consider a wide range of other measures to support the travel sector including developing a global framework to make travelling easier.

Aerospace / Aviation

Briefing: Aviation, decarbonisation and climate change

A House of Commons Library briefing provides an overview and analysis of UK and international policies to decarbonise the aviation sector, including market-based measures, technological solutions and demand management.

“Beyond the crisis” - speech to the aviation industry

The text of a speech given by Grant Shapps MP, Secretary of State for Transport, on 19 October 2020. The speech addresses issues in the aviation sector and actions taken to counter-effect the COVID-19 pandemic so far. The speech also outlines future plans for the industry in the UK.

Consultation on updated requirement for aviation safety

A European Commission feedback initiative is calling for views on a draft Act that will: correct the requirements for generating damage tolerance data for in-service aircraft, and amend the requirements applicable to seats, on aircraft whose certificate of airworthiness has been delayed (past the scheduled date of 18 February 2021), due to coronavirus-related production delays. Consultation ends: 20 November 2020.

Brexit

Enforcing Operation Brock in 2021: government response to consultation on proposed legislative amendments

Following the Department for Transport's consultation on proposed legislative amendments for enforcing traffic management plans for outbound heavy commercial vehicles in Kent after the end of the EU transition period, the Secretary of State for Transport has published his decision on taking forward the proposals to renew and update relevant secondary legislation of the Operation Brock statutory instruments.

MEPs approve rules to ensure Eurotunnel safety and cooperation

Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) have endorsed legislative proposals that aim to ensure that the Channel Tunnel continues to operate safely and effectively once the UK has the status as a third country. Under the legislation, France will be empowered to negotiate a new agreement with the UK supplementing its existing bilateral Treaty with respect to the operation of the Channel Fixed Link.

Bus

Report: Improving local bus services in England outside London

The National Audit Office has published a report which examines the effectiveness of the Government's support for buses. The report finds that despite the Department for Transport's long-stated aim to increase bus use, passenger numbers have fallen. The report goes on to: explain what the data shows on bus use, provision and performance; set out roles, responsibilities and accountabilities for delivering and improving bus services; examine the effectiveness of the revenue funding framework for buses; examine the effectiveness of government's approach to improving bus services; and assess the issues government needs to address to achieve its aims for the future of buses in England.

Consultation on free bus travel for people resident in Scotland aged under 19

Transport Scotland has launched a consultation on the Scottish Government's intention to launch a new statutory national concessionary travel scheme providing free bus travel for young people resident in Scotland up to their 19th birthday. Transport Scotland anticipates that legislation to underpin the scheme would be required to be laid in Parliament in early 2021 and the scheme would come into effect later in 2021. Consultation ends: 7 December 2020.

Decarbonisation

Government responses to consultations on proposals to regulate CO2 emission performance standards for vehicles

Documents from the Department for Transport set out the government responses to consultations on proposals to regulate carbon dioxide emissions standards for both [new passenger cars and light commercial vehicles](#) and [new heavy-duty vehicles](#) in the UK from 1 January 2021.

Countdown to Carbon Zero

Over the last few weeks, Addleshaw Goddard's Transport Team has released a series of videos, talking to industry leaders about the Countdown to Carbon Zero and how the industry is taking positive steps forward on the road to net zero. Join us on the 11 November as we talk to those leaders in a live session, addressing some of the key themes and bringing to life some of the points addressed in the video series.

Net Zero in the Railways

Suzanne Moir, Partner and Head of Transport Sector, Scotland, has written an article for the *Scottish Transport* issue of Transport Times. Suzanne considers how Scotland can reach its target of decarbonising its passenger rail network by 2035. Suzanne also discussed Addleshaw Goddard's Countdown to Carbon Zero series in her [opening contribution](#) to the Scottish Transport Awards Summit.

E-scooters

Third Report of Session 2019-21: E-scooters: pavement nuisance or transport innovation?

A Transport Committee report concludes that e-scooters have the potential to offer a low cost, accessible and environmentally friendly alternative to the private car. The Committee advises that current rental trials and any plans for legalisation should not be to the detriment of pedestrians, particularly disabled people. It calls for robust enforcement measures to eliminate pavement use of e-scooters.

General Transport

Prime Minister launches independent review into transport connections across the UK

The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has launched an independent review into how to boost transport infrastructure across Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England, improving connections, creating new ones, and bringing communities closer together to "level up" access to jobs and opportunities. The review will be led by Sir Peter Hendy CBE, chair of Network Rail. It will look at the potential feasibility and economic case of options for: reviewing air links within the UK; cutting journey times to North Wales by reviewing the Welsh railway network; and improving major road links across the country.

HS2

High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill

A final report of the House of Lords Select Committee on the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill sets out the background to the Bill and its passage through Parliament.

HS2 Sustainability Policy

An updated policy document sets out HS2 Ltd's five themes for sustainability relating to: economic growth and regeneration; opportunities for all with respect to skills, employment and education; health, safety and wellbeing; environmental protection and management; and future-proof design.

High Speed Two Design Refinement: Consultation Response

A Department for Transport publication summarises the responses to its consultation on 11 proposed refinements to the route of HS2 Phase 2b, the section of HS2 running from Birmingham to Leeds via the East Midlands, and from Crewe to Manchester. It sets out comments from respondents on areas including; support to affected property owners; the relocation of tunnel vent shafts; and provision for multiple junctions.

HS2 Phase 2b Western Leg Design Refinement Consultation

A Department for Transport consultation seeks comments on four proposed refinements to the design of the Western Leg of HS2 Phase 2b. Consultation ends: 11 December 2020.

Ports

Government outlines new plans for Freeports to turbo-charge post-Brexit trade

The government has set out further details around how it will create a number of new innovative Freeports across the UK to create jobs, drive investment and regenerate communities.

Rail Network

Inquiry: Trains fit for the future?

The Transport Committee has announced it is returning to its inquiry, *Trains Fit for the Future*, to investigate what action should be taken to reduce the rail industry's reliance on diesel-only trains and how electric, hydrogen and battery power can be deployed to achieve this goal.

Road Network

The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/1178)

In force: 1 February 2021

This instrument will ban the use of tyres aged 10-years and older on the front axles of heavy goods vehicles, buses, and coaches, and on any axle of a minibus if the tyres are fitted in single configuration.

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

Guidance: ECMT international road haulage permits

Guidance from the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency explains the criteria for allocating European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) permits and the actions required by hauliers when utilising the scheme.

Shipping

Government secures critical freight flows as UK nears end of transition period

To mitigate the risk of disruption as the UK adjusts to new border processes at the end of the Brexit transition period, the Government has signed agreements with four ferry operators to provide capacity equivalent to over 3,000 HGVs per week. Brittany Ferries, DFDS, P&O and Stena will focus on nine routes serving eight ports in areas which are less likely to experience disruption, including Hull, Newhaven and Poole.

Reducing GHG emissions from ports and ships

A strategic partnership to support the implementation of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) resolution on voluntary cooperation between ships and ports to reduce greenhouse gas emissions has been signed. The signatories are the International Association of Ports and Harbors and the GreenVoyage2050 Project, which is executed by the IMO.

Maritime sector - a green post-COVID future

The European Commission has issued a call for evidence which seeks views on ways to make the EU's "blue economy" more sustainable, in line with the European Green Deal. Consultation ends: 7 December 2020.

UK changes law on national minimum wage for seafarers

From 1 October 2020, seafarers will receive pay protection equal to every other sector in the UK. Maritime was the only sector in the UK that did not apply National Minimum wage protection for workers. The change in the law builds on the Government's work to safeguard British maritime workers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Space

International space treaty between the UK and USA

An agreement in the form of an exchange of notes between the United Kingdom and the United States of America on technology safeguards associated with the United States participation in space launches from the United Kingdom.

Insurance and liability regime for UK space launch initiatives

The government has published draft regulations for consultation on the liability and insurance requirements applicable to UK launch activities. This follows on from the consultation on the wider regulatory regime and draft legislation implementing the Space Industry Act 2018. We discuss the regulations and provide a key issues summary in our latest piece on space industry regulation.

First space census launched

The first UK space census has been launched which will survey the diversity of the UK space sector and collect insights to inform future space policy.



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