

TRANSPORT UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2020



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

COVID-19

Travel corridors

Removals:

Greece: People arriving in [Scotland](#) from this destination from 4am on Thursday 3 September will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks.

Lesvos, Tinos, Serifos, Mykonos, Crete, Santorini and Zakynthos: People arriving in [England](#) from these destinations from 4am on Wednesday 9 September will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks.

Portugal and French Polynesia: People arriving in [Scotland](#) from these destination from 4am on Saturday 5 September will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks. People arriving from these destinations into [England](#) from 4am on Saturday 12 September will also need to self-isolate.

Hungary and Réunion: People arriving in [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from these destinations from 4am on Saturday 12 September will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks.

Guadeloupe and Slovenia: People arriving in [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from these destinations from 4am on Saturday 19 September will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks.

Curacao, Denmark, Iceland and Slovakia: People arriving in [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from these destinations from 4am on 26 September 2020 will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks.

Additions:

Sweden: This destination was added to the travel corridors list for [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from 4am on Saturday 12 September.

Singapore and Thailand: These destinations were added to the travel corridors list for [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from 4am on Saturday 19 September.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): jobs that qualify for travel exemptions

Guidance from the Department for Transport lists the jobs that qualify for an exemption from COVID-19 travel restrictions. Exempted roles include: drivers of goods vehicles; civil aviation inspectors; Network Rail workers; seamen and masters, inspectors and surveyors of ships; aircraft pilots and crew; and specialist aerospace engineers, among others.

Brexit

The Town and Country Planning (Border Facilities and Infrastructure) (EU Exit) (England) Special Development Order 2020 (SI 2020/928)

In force: 24 September 2020

This instrument grants temporary planning permission for development consisting of the use of land, in specified parts of England, for border processing and the associated stationing of

vehicles (particularly goods vehicles) entering or leaving Great Britain.

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Cycling & Walking

Government plans to make pavements accessible for all

The Government has launched a consultation on pavement parking. Pavements could be made safer for people with disabilities, and families, under new proposals to ban antisocial parking unveiled by the government. The consultation calls for views on whether a change of existing pavement parking legislation should occur. Consultation ends: 22 November 2020.

Decarbonisation

Trials of UK's first hydrogen-powered train begin

The first-ever hydrogen-powered train will run on the UK mainline in a step towards the UK's net-zero targets, Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has announced. The trials of the train known as HydroFLEX, which have been supported with a £750,000 grant from the Department for Transport, follow almost 2 years' development work and more than £1 million of investment by both Porterbrook and the University of Birmingham. The Transport Secretary also announced the ambition for Tees Valley to become a Hydrogen Transport Hub. Bringing together representatives from academia, industry and government to drive forward the UK's plans to embrace the use of hydrogen as an alternative fuel could create hundreds of jobs while seeing the region become a leader in the green hydrogen sector.

Consultation outcome: Increasing the renewable transport fuel obligation buy-out price for fuel suppliers

Following a Department for Transport consultation on proposals to increase the renewable transport fuel obligation (RTFO) buy-out price for fuels suppliers in order to continue greenhouse gas savings, the Government has announced that it intends to increase the RTFO buy-out price from £0.30/litre to £0.50/litre. Subject to Parliamentary timing and process, the increased buy-out price is expected to be in force for 1 January 2021.

LGA response: Decarbonisation of transport - DfT call for ideas

The response of the Local Government Association to the Department of Transport (DfT) call for ideas on decarbonisation of transport. Topics covered by the decarbonisation briefings include: the decarbonisation ambition and targets, the role of buses, accelerating the uptake of electric vehicles, climate smart parking policies, land use, localisation and accessibility, travelling less and the role of online opportunities, and growing cycle use.

LGA Decarbonising Transport Briefings

The LGA has published a series of briefings notes, developed with Leeds University, to help councils with a practical set of actions they can take forward for decarbonisation. Topics covered by the decarbonisation briefings include: the decarbonisation ambition and targets, the role of buses, accelerating the uptake of electric vehicles, climate smart parking policies, land use, localisation and accessibility, travelling less and the role of online opportunities, and growing cycle use.

Electric Vehicles

Decarbonising transport: Accelerating the uptake of electric vehicles

A Local Government Association report, which forms part of the Decarbonising transport series, focuses on what local councils could do to accelerate the adoption of electric cars and vans. The report discusses a number of key issues, including: whether batteries have sufficient range and the resulting "range anxiety" of drivers; the relative cost of electric vehicles compared to internal combustion engine vehicles; and the availability of charge locations and charging durations.

Ports

Freeports - Briefing Paper

This House of Commons Library briefing paper sets out the background to the Government's policy on freeports. See also our article [Freeports in the UK](#), on the freeports consultation launched earlier this year.

Public Transport

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place and on Public Transport) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/1021)

In force: 23 September 2020

This instrument extends an existing requirement, to wear a face covering on public transport, to those travelling in taxis and private hire vehicles. It also corrects errors in the Public Transport Regulations and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020 to provide greater clarity.

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Rail Network

The Channel Tunnel (Arrangements with the Kingdom of the Netherlands) Order 2020 (SI 2020/916)

In force: In accordance with article 1(2) and (3)

A Bilateral Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands will allow for the implementation of juxtaposed controls in the Netherlands in relation to trains travelling between the Netherlands and the United Kingdom via the Channel Tunnel. The purpose of this instrument is to give effect to the Bilateral Agreement.

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Rail franchising ends as a new system takes shape

Ministers have announced the end of rail franchising after 24 years as a first step in bringing Britain's fragmented network back together. Franchising has now been replaced with Emergency Recovery Measures Agreements (ERMAs) that address the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the railway.

Consultation: Global Centre of Rail Excellence planning pre-application

The Welsh Government has opened a consultation on its plans to build a rail industry testing, research, development and training complex with supporting maintenance and storage facilities. The Welsh Government is working in partnership with Powys County Council and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council on a proposal to build the site on the Nant Helen surface mine and Onllwyn coal washery site at the head of the Dulais and Tawe Valleys. Consultation ends: 14 October 2020.

Network Rail and Highways England publish joint document to improve development of parkway stations

Network Rail and Highways England have jointly published a document – New Station Guidance – that will help partners such as local authorities, Local Enterprise Partnerships, strategic planners and third-party funders assess whether a parkway station is the right transport solution for their region, and how it might be delivered for the benefit of local transport users. Where a parkway station is identified as a feasible solution by local stakeholders, funders and planners, Network Rail and Highways England will work with them to consider the most appropriate locations for development.

Dealing with the accidental obstruction of the railway

Updated advice from the Department for Transport provides guidance to highways and rail authorities on assessing and planning for risk reduction at sites where roads cross or run alongside railways. A 2020 edition of the supporting booklet has been updated with information on assessing, and mitigating against, the risk of road vehicles damaging a bridge parapet and knocking debris onto the track below.

Road Network

The Motor Vehicles (Compulsory Insurance and Rights Against Insurers) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/945)

In force: in accordance with regulation 1

This instrument makes two amendments. The first amendment ensures that UK victims can continue claims commenced against the Motor Insurers' Bureau during the transition period. The second amendment ensures that UK and Gibraltar residents will continue, after the transition period, to be able to make claims against UK insurers.

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Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030: Draft public consultation

Transport Scotland is seeking views on its draft *Road Safety Framework to 2030* to strengthen Scotland's position as a world leader in road safety. The new Road Safety Framework includes Vision Zero, a long-term goal for road safety in Scotland which aims to achieve zero fatalities and injuries on the nation's roads by 2050. Consultation ends: 1 December 2020.

Notice: First inspection deferral for new dangerous goods vehicles entering into service

The Department for Transport has published an authorisation notice which allows new tank vehicles to enter into service and be used on the roads of Great Britain without an ADR1(C) certificate (authorisation 476). ADR part 9 inspection and certification is required from the date that the vehicle was due to have its first roadworthiness inspection under the Goods Vehicle (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988 as amended.

Expired driving licences automatically extended by 11 months

Photocard licences or entitlement to drive that expires between 1 February 2020 and 31 December 2020 have been extended for 11 months from the date of expiry, under temporary changes announced by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. Drivers do not need to apply to renew their licence until they receive a reminder before their extension expires.

Shipping

MGN 593 Amendment 1: Health and safety chemical agents regulations

A Maritime and Coastguard Agency marine guidance notice gives advice to shipowners, ship managers, employers, masters, seafarers and fishermen on requirements for the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to hazardous chemical agents at work.

Consultation on the Merchant Shipping (Safety Standards for Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2020

A Maritime and Coastguard Agency consultation seeks opinions on a new Statutory Instrument which is required to amend the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) Regulations 2000 and transpose the requirements of Directive 2017/2108 amending Directive 2009/45 on safety rules and standards for passenger ships. Consultation ends: 20 October 2020.

Consultation outcome: Marine guidance notes for emergency information and instructions to passengers

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency has published an outcome report on the consultation on marine guidance notes (MGN) to replace M.1386 and M.1409 on the provision of emergency information to passengers on classes III to VI(A) ships and classes I, II and II(A) ship respectively.

MLC 2006 titles 1 to 5: regulations, guidance and information

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency has issued guidance on the five titles of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), and the regulations applying to UK ships under each one. The

guidance has been updated to include the model seafarer employment agreement of 20 August 2020.

BIMCO adopts the industry's first ship sale and leaseback standard

In response to changes in the ship financing landscape, BIMCO's Documentary Committee has adopted the new term sheet, SHIPLEASE, which is developed for sale and leaseback transactions involving second-hand ships but can be readily adapted for newbuildings. SHIPLEASE will be made available on BIMCO's secure contract editing system SmartCon, and the term sheet will be accompanied by explanatory notes.

New BIMCO shipping KPI version to improve user interface and benchmarking

BIMCO has announced that it expects to release version four of its Shipping Key Performance Indicator (KPI) before the end of September 2020 to provide registered users with improved measures to perform more accurate benchmarking. Fundamental changes to the processing of information and an improved user interface will feature in the new release.

BIMCO to publish standard refund guarantee to eliminate legal uncertainty

BIMCO has announced that it is developing a standard refund guarantee for shipbuilding contracts, including the SAJ and Chinese forms. BIMCO states that the current issue is that English law and jurisprudence on guarantees is contradictory, complex and often difficult to understand from a commercial perspective, and as a result small changes made by negotiators can have wide-reaching commercial consequences.

UKHO launches new innovation programme to support development of the Blue Economy

The UK Hydrographic Office has launched its new ADMIRALTY Marine Innovation Programme. Spearheaded by the UKHO's Research, Design and Innovation team and RE_SET, the programme will give innovators and start-ups a chance to develop new solutions that solve some of the world's most pressing challenges when it comes to our oceans.

Space

Government to explore new ways of delivering "sat nav" for the UK

The Government is to explore new options for a UK satellite navigation and timing capability, critical for energy networks and communications to maritime, aviation and defence. The Space-Based Positioning Navigation and Timing Programme (SBPP) will explore new and alternative ways that could be used to deliver vital satellite navigation services to the UK whereas the UK's Global Navigation Satellite System (UK GNSS) programme, which is due to conclude at the end of the month, is investigating outline plans for a conventional satellite system as an alternative to the American GPS or the EU's Galileo.

UK Space Law is in the making – have your say

In the latest Trends In Transport article, the team looks at the draft Space Industry Regulations published for consultation (closing on 21 October) by the Government and reviews some of the detail in the comprehensive package of new laws. Part I explains the significance of the new rules, which contain crucial technical detail on the licensing regime for UK spaceports, launch operators and range services – all part of the UK's preparations for launch. To help navigate, Part II is a Space Law Map, plotting the new regulations within the existing framework of space law at international, regional and national level. Part III of the Trends in Transport article on the draft Space Industry Regulations published for consultation (closing on 21 October) provides some detail on key elements of the new regime.



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