

TRANSPORT UPDATE - AUGUST 2020



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

COVID-19

Travel corridors

Removals:

Czech Republic, Jamaica and Switzerland: People arriving in [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from these destinations from 4am on Saturday 29 August will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks.

Austria, Croatia and Trinidad and Tobago: People arriving in [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from these destinations from 4am on Saturday 22 August will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks.

France, the Netherlands, Monaco, Malta, Turks and Caicos Islands and Aruba: People arriving in [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from these destinations from 4am on Saturday 15 August will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks.

Andorra, Belgium and the Bahamas: People arriving in [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from these destinations from 4am on Saturday 8 August 2020 will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks.

Additions:

Cuba: This destination was added to the travel corridors list for [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from 4am on Saturday 29 August.

Portugal: This destination was added to the travel corridors list for [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from 4am on Saturday 22 August.

Brunei and Malaysia: These destinations were added to the travel corridors list for [England](#) and [Scotland](#) from 4am on 11 August 2020.

Guidance on resumption of operations of cruise ships in the EU affected by COVID-19

Guidance published by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) provides advice on the gradual and safe resumption of operations of cruise ships in the EU following the COVID-19 pandemic. Aimed at EU/EEA flagged ships engaged in international voyages and ships calling at an EU/EEA port, irrespective of flag, the guidance advocates minimum measures expected to be implemented by all concerned, while maintaining general safety and security standards.

WTO issues new report on how COVID-19 crisis may push up trade costs

An information note from the World Trade Organisation (WTO) warns of possible increases to trade costs due to COVID-19 disruptions. The note examines the pandemic's impact on key components of trade costs, particularly those relating to travel and transport, trade policy, uncertainty, and identifies areas where higher costs may persist even after the pandemic is contained.

Air Quality

Leeds Clean Air Zone: Statement regarding the latest Clean Air Zone position

Councillor James Lewis, Deputy Leader for Leeds City Council and Executive Member with responsibility for air quality, has shared an update regarding a review of the council's plans to introduce a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) in Leeds in light of the coronavirus pandemic. Leeds City Council is now working closely with central government to review the long term impact that the pandemic and the city's collective action on local air quality will have, and the council hope to be able to clarify the future of the Leeds CAZ in the autumn.

Cleaner Air for Scotland: Air Quality Public Attitudes & Behaviour Review - Final Report

The final report of the Scottish Government's Air Quality Public Attitudes and Behaviour Review has been published. The review was designed to provide a review and assessment of the existing evidence on public attitudes and behaviour related to air pollution to inform the draft of the new Cleaner Air for Scotland (CAFS) strategy. Findings include that there appears to be a strong awareness of, and engagement with, air quality and climate change issues, but that there are significant barriers to engagement, and importantly behaviour change, amongst particularly deprived communities.

The Clean Air Plan for Wales: Healthy Air, Healthy Wales

The Welsh Government has outlined the measures it will take to improve air quality and reduce the impacts of air pollution on human health, biodiversity, the natural environment and the economy in a new Clean Air Plan for Wales. The Plan links strategies and initiatives which encourage more people to walk, cycle, or use public transport complementing the Welsh Government's Transforming Towns Initiative. Some of the measures include: significant investment in active travel infrastructure, improving rail services and supporting decarbonisation through an aim for a zero tailpipe exhaust emission taxi and bus fleet by 2028; investigating measures to support a reduction in personal vehicle use such as road user charging, Clean Air Zones and/or Low Emission Zones; and implementing an electric vehicle charging strategy and supporting an increase in the proportion of vehicles which are ultra-low emission (ULEV) and promoting a shift to ULEVs for waste collection.

Aviation

Economic regulation of Heathrow Airport Limited: working paper on capital expenditure efficiency incentives

A Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) consultation, following on from CAP1940, provides further details of the CAA's proposed approach to capital efficiency incentives for Heathrow Airport Ltd. It covers the following main issues: a recap of previous work in this area, including the initial views of stakeholders; the CAA's proposed criteria for developing new incentives; and further details on its broad approach to developing capital efficiency incentives. Consultation ends: 9 October 2020.

Air traffic management - new regulation deploying technical solutions developed by the SESAR research project

A consultation from the European Commission is seeking views on a new Regulation deploying technical solutions developed by the Single European Sky ATM Research (SESAR) project, which will lead to safer, more direct flights, lower CO2 emissions and shorter journeys for passengers. Consultation ends: 14 September 2020.

Sustainable aviation fuels - ReFuelEU Aviation

A European Commission consultation is seeking views on draft policy measures and policy options of an initiative which aims to boost the supply and demand for sustainable aviation fuels in the EU. Consultation ends: 28 October 2020.

Brexit

Enforcing Operation Brock plans in 2021

This consultation from the Department for Transport, which was launched on 3 August,

seeks comments on proposed legislative amendments for enforcing traffic management plans for outbound heavy commercial vehicles in Kent after the EU transition period. The consultation closed on the 23 August and a summary of responses, including the next steps, will be published within three months.

International Trade Secretary launches 11 new trade advisory groups

Secretary of State for International Trade, Liz Truss, has launched 11 trade advisory groups (TAGs), covering a range of key sectors, including transport services, as part of a major new business engagement drive designed to support the UK's trade negotiations. As trade talks with Japan, the US, Australia and New Zealand intensify, the TAGs advice will be used to help inform the government's negotiating position.

Channel tunnel link - amended rail safety rules post-Brexit

The European Commission has published two consultations seeking comments on:

- [Amended rail safety rules for the Channel tunnel link post-Brexit; and](#)
- [Empowering France to conclude a rail safety agreement with the UK](#)

Consultations end: 6 October 2020.

Decarbonisation

The road to net zero: can hydrogen vehicles pave the way?

The environmental benefits of electric vehicles (EV) are clear and significant global investment is carrying EVs into the mainstream. However, much like road testing a car, one size does not fit all: inadequacies around battery capacity for heavier HGVs coupled with the need for regular recharging make the EV offering unattractive for the logistics sector. Similar concerns are felt in remote communities, particularly for rural public transport and emergency services, where EV is simply not a practical alternative to a petrol or diesel vehicle. Enter the hydrogen vehicle (HV): this article discusses how HVs can be integrated into the UK's transport system and how they could help the UK meet its net zero carbon emissions targets.

Measures for decarbonising transport

Delivery companies should consider switching to cargo bike schemes where possible to cut carbon emissions, improve air quality and decrease congestion, according to a Local Government Association report. Its decarbonisation of transport report suggests switching to cargo bikes will help address concerns about the rise of largely diesel delivery vans operating in busy urban areas and residential streets. This briefing forms part of the Decarbonising transport series, a toolkit of seven evidence-based policy briefings prepared for the Local Government Association. The briefings are designed to help councils set goals for reducing carbon emissions from transport and understanding a range of key options available to them to make the rapid progress required.

10 questions to scrutinise climate action

The Local Government Association has released a resource, *10 questions to scrutinise climate action*, which provides scrutiny questions to help all councils and policymakers to embed the necessary environmental, social and cultural changes that communities need to see to build resilience to respond to climate challenges such as investment strategies and transport plans.

Electric Vehicles

Regulating electric scooters (e-scooters)

The House of Commons Library has published a briefing paper providing an overview of the existing legal framework for electric scooters (e-scooters). It also analyses the arguments for and against legalising e-scooters on UK roads, drawing on the limited evidence from other countries and cities that have sanctioned their use.

Charging up the green recovery - Economic benefits of electric vehicle infrastructure

The Local Government Association has published a guide which focuses on the role that electric charging infrastructure investment can play in green growth.

Public Transport

Government extends coronavirus support for buses and trams, total funding tops £700 million

On 8 August 2020, the government announced that England's bus and tram services will receive extra support worth up to £256 million to help them ramp up services ahead of expected increases in public transport use in September. Bus services across the country will receive up to £218.4 million of support over eight weeks, with rolling funding at up to £27.3 million per week afterwards, until a time when the funding is no longer needed. Tram services also have access to up to £37.4 million over 12 weeks, at a rate of up to £3.1 million a week, with funding to be reviewed at the end of the period.

Rail Network

RMT appeal for National Flexible ticketing scheme

A Rail, Maritime and Transport Union report urges the Government to implement a national scheme for flexible rail season tickets as it is likely that people will continue to work from home following the coronavirus pandemic. It argues that since the lockdown was implemented on 23 March 2020, rail usage has slumped to just 23% of pre COVID-19 levels as only 34% of white collar workers have returned to the office.

Multi-million pound boost to Welsh railways

The Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, has announced £343 million of investment to help deliver better journeys for passengers in Wales. Schemes to be funded include starting the design of the Cardiff Central station upgrade, advancing plans for cutting-edge digital signalling on the Cambrian line and speeding up journeys between Cardiff and Swansea. The announcement of these new projects follows major reforms to the network over the past months such as completion of a fully electric route between Cardiff and London and the devolution of powers over the Core Valley line to the Welsh government, backed by £196 million in funding for management, electrification, upgrades and other improvements on the network.

Road Network

The Road Vehicles (Certificates of Temporary Exemption) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/812)

In force: 21 August 2020

The instrument allows the Secretary of State to issue certificates of temporary exemption (CTE) from the requirement to hold a test certificate for public service vehicles adapted to carry more than eight passengers and goods vehicles (including trailers but excluding light vans) and to take road safety risk into account when deciding whether to issue a CTE for a vehicle.

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

The Road Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2020

In force: 1 September 2020

This instrument is made to provide for enforcement in the United Kingdom of Regulation (EU) 2018/858 on road vehicle type approval (which replaces Directive 2007/46/EC from 1 September 2020), principally to re-enact and enhance the domestic penalties for non-compliance with the requirements or for misconduct during the type approval process. The type approval regime ensures that new cars, buses and goods vehicles comply with high standards of safety and environmental protection.

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

£27 billion roads investment to support 64,000 jobs in England

Highways England has unveiled the details of plans for £27.4 billion investment in the strategic road network across the country. Almost £11 billion will go into improving everyday journeys by repairing and replacing parts of the network, largely built in the 1960s and 70s. The plans from Highways England set out how the company will deliver the Government's second Road Investment Strategy, announced at the Budget in March. The company will: open more than 50 upgrades to improve journey times; invest almost £1 billion on broader projects to improve roads for the communities they serve, such as conserving cultural heritage or strengthening flood resilience, and improving access for walkers, cyclists and horse riders; make 7,500 households quieter by tackling noise from roads; help stop the loss of biodiversity and develop a pipeline of around 30 schemes for potential construction post-2025.

Government accelerating pothole mapping project to support motorists and cyclists ahead of school return

A first-of-its-kind audit into the mapping of potholes in England has been launched by Transport Secretary Grant Shapps, aided by data from on-road businesses such as Uber, Deliveroo and Ocado, to better target improvements so that roads are in top condition as people return to work and school. Combining collated data on current potholes held by nation-wide businesses and the most up-to-date bank of roads imagery in the country from Gaist, the Department for Transport will work with local highway authorities to paint the most comprehensive picture ever of where funding is most needed to make sure roads are not plagued by potholes.

Consultation outcome: Public service vehicle operator licensing and tribunal rules: legislative changes

The Department for Transport (DfT) has stated that will consider bringing forward legislation to change public service vehicle (PSV) operator licensing and to introduce formal tribunal rules, which the majority of consultation respondents agreed will be beneficial to the Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain's tribunal functions. The consultation carried out by the Department for Transport called for views on changing the current rules to allow PSV operators, who have met the necessary criteria for licensing, to commence vehicle operations as soon as possible.

Safe use of Automated Lane Keeping System (ALKS): Call for evidence

A consultation from the Department for Transport is seeking views on the safe use of Automated Lane Keeping System (ALKS) on Great Britain's motorways. The consultation considers whether the technology is compliant with the definition of automation under the Automated and Electric Vehicles Act 2018. Consultation ends: 27 October 2020.

Traffic Regulation Orders: identifying improvements to the legislative process in England

A Department for Transport report examines the processes and practices of making road traffic regulation orders (TROs). The objectives include: to identify the needs of users of the TRO making process and TRO data; to develop and iterate a minimum viable product legislative process which meets user needs; and to provide a robust assessment of the impact on users of proposed changes. The recommendations made are planned to be part of a policy consultation, expected in 2020.

COVID-19: vehicle lessons in Scotland

Guidance from the Scottish Government Economic Development Directorate, based on the principles set out in "Coronavirus (COVID-19): a Framework for Decision Making and our Long-established Commitment to Fair Work", provides practical advice on the safe re-start of driving and motorcycle lessons.

Shipping

MGN 633 (M+F): Ship recycling requirements in relation to hazardous materials on ships

This note provides guidance on the interpretation of the Ship Recycling (Requirements in relation to Hazardous Materials on Ships) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2018 which have been developed to provide for offences and penalties in relation to Regulation 1257/2013.

Guidance on the gradual and safe resumption of operations of cruise ships in the European Union in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic

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IMO Just in Time Arrival Guide

A publication from the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) provides practical guidance for port and shipping sectors on how to facilitate Just In Time (JiT) Arrivals. The successful implementation of JiT Arrivals can have a significant environmental impact through reduced greenhouse gas emissions from optimizing the ships speed to arrive just in time.

BIMCO and ICS prepare for new seafarer workforce report

BIMCO and ICS have announced that they are preparing for the launch of the latest Seafarer Workforce Report (previously known as the Manpower Report), the industry standard resource for ship operators, agencies and governments seeking the market intelligence they need to develop crewing and training strategies fit for the future. The Seafarer Workforce Report aims to be the essential tool in preparing ship operations for a post-COVID world and to ensure that the regulations and policies being developed will be fit for purpose.

Space

UK push for international agreement on responsible behaviour in space

A global discussion to avoid conflict in space has been launched under an initiative driven by the UK. The UK's proposed UN resolution aims to broker an international consensus on responsible behaviour in space - agreed by countries around the world at the UN - and is the only initiative of its kind. All countries will be invited to take part in this open discussion and submit their opinions on responsible and threatening behaviour to the UN Secretary General, for inclusion in a report to the UN General Assembly.



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