



Commercial Road Transport: Trade and Cooperation Agreement Provisions





Aims and Session Overview

- ▶ This session is to:
 - ▶ Provide you with a high-level overview of the provisions for commercial road transport under the UK-EU Trade and Co-operation Agreement (TCA).
 - ▶ Answer any questions you may have about commercial road transport under the TCA.





Background

- ▶ Before 1 January 2021, the following movements were allowed between the UK and the EU:
 - ▶ Unrestricted rights to carry goods **bilaterally, point-to-point** between UK and EU destinations (e.g. London to Bucharest)
 - ▶ Unrestricted **transit** rights through the EU to non-EU countries (e.g. Switzerland)
 - ▶ Unrestricted **cross-trade** rights (e.g. UK operator carrying goods between France and Germany)
 - ▶ Limited **cabotage** rights – 3 journeys within any 7-day period (e.g. UK operator carrying goods within a single country, such as dropping off goods between Paris and Lille)





Road Haulage under the TCA

- ▶ From 1st January 2021, the UK-EU TCA allows:
 - ▶ **Unlimited, liberalised bilateral (point-to-point) journeys** to and from the EU
 - ▶ **Unlimited, liberalised transit rights** across the other Party's territory
 - ▶ **Two additional movements within the other Party's territory** as part of a round-trip:
 - EU hauliers: 2 cabotage movements in the UK
 - UK hauliers in the EU: Either cabotage or cross-trade, with a maximum of one cabotage movement (e.g. 2 cross-trade movements, or 1 cabotage and 1 cross-trade)
 - Northern Irish hauliers in Ireland: Both additional movements can be cabotage
- ▶ Cabotage journeys must be completed within 7 days of dropping off the goods that the haulier brought into the other Party's territory.
- ▶ EU hauliers will not require an ECMT permit to operate in the UK.





- ▶ The TCA sets standards for UK and EU hauliers operating on each other's territories as part of international journeys. This includes rules on drivers' hours, tachographs, and weights and dimensions.
- ▶ Standards for domestic journeys are out of scope.

