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ETF Statement on the application to road transport of the minimum wage adopted by Germany

From 1st of January 2015 a minimum wage rate entered into force in Germany. The rate equally applies to all road transport operations, including the transit through the German territory. A number of concerns have been raised by the industry and some Member States with regard to the application of the minimum wage to road transport transit operations and thus the European Commission is currently looking into these concerns.

The European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) would like to stress on the point that pay and conditions of individual Member States apply to all transport operations which fall under the scope of Directive 96/71/EC (Posting of Workers) and Regulation (EC) No 593/2008 (Rome I), be they cabotage, international transport or combined transport.

With regard to the application of the minimum wage to transit road transport operations, the ETF would like to flag once again that this is part of a set of measures taken by the German government in order to address the massive phenomenon of social dumping that stigmatises the road transport sector. As long as the European Commission fails to take measures and substantially improve the critical social and labour situation in the sector, Member States will continue to seek national solutions to address social fraud in road transport, as well as solutions to enforce Community rules such as the Posting of Workers Directive and Rome I Regulation for road activities.

To this end, in the absence of effective Europe-wide solutions, the ETF fully supports all measures taken by the Member States similar to the ones adopted by France, Belgium and – most recently – by Germany.

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