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Show you care - Keep facilities open in parking areas for professional drivers!

On behalf of trade union member organisations representing professional drivers, the European Transport Workers Federation calls on national authorities across Europe to keep restaurants, cafes and sanitary facilities open in parking areas. The well-being of our drivers depends on it!

Back in March, with the first lockdown round of measures triggered by the COVID pandemic, thousands of truck drivers saw catering and sanitary facilities close down. They were left without access to food, refreshments, showers and toilets while having to continue distributing essential goods across Europe.

In the recent days, many national and local authorities have been taking measures to contain the second wave of the pandemic. Consequently, truck drivers are once again at risk of being denied access to services of critical importance to their health and safety.

These facilities are key in allowing them a minimum level of decent working conditions, particularly when engaged in long-haul goods transport when having to spend nights in the trucks.

Throughout this crisis, governments and politicians have been expressing their deep gratitude to delivery workers and drivers that keep the flow of goods moving. We call for consistence! Show that you truly care!

We call on you to take measures without delay to ensure their access to sanitary facilities, restaurants, cafes and selling points for takeaway food and beverages. For them, this is a basic right and a stringent necessity.

The ETF and the millions of workers, who ensure that supermarkets are well stocked, that hospitals have medicine and supplies, and that citizens receive goods delivered straight to their door, are counting on you to heed our call.

Best regards,



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