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WELCOME



Dear Members and Friends of ESPORG,

2021 is off to a running start and we are busy planning many wonderful things for you. In addition, we continue to certify parking areas and support CEF projects that are building certified secure parking areas as well as build new partnerships with various stakeholders within the logistics industry.

One of the many reasons why we need safe and secure parking areas is cargo theft. In this edition, we want to highlight the risks of theft for those within the logistics industry and the importance of secure areas for transport workers. In addition, the mission of ESPORG is to improve drivers' occupational health and safety, so we will be highlighting TruckersLife's initiatives over the past year and the many ways in which they strive to improve the lives of drivers all over Europe.

We want to continue to encourage all parking operators to certify their safe and secure parking areas through the EU-Parking Standard. More and more logistics companies want to ensure the safety of their drivers and load security by only using certified truck parking areas. Certification is a vital key to safe and secure parking and ESPORG is happy to help facilitating the certification process.

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As we also see in this edition, discussion is still ongoing regarding the Mobility Package I. As experts closely involved in the legislative process, ESPORG ensures its stakeholders that we will keep you updated and we will inform you how this legislation will affect or benefit you. Should you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Finally, we would like to welcome two new members this month: Haropa-Port du Havre in France and Dyneff in Spain! We look forward to promoting safe and secure parking areas together with you!

Best wishes,

Dirk Penasse

COMMISSION PUBLISHES STUDY RESULTS REGARDING MOBILITY PACKAGE I



On February 19, 2021, the European Commission published the results of two studies it commissioned to assess the expected impacts of the compulsory return of the vehicle and application of cabotage quotas, two requirements of Mobility Package I, adopted on July 15, 2020.

The two requirements (the mandatory return of the vehicle to the Member State of establishment every eight weeks and the application of cabotage quotas on international combined transport operations) were not part of the Commission's original proposal but were introduced by the European Parliament and Council.

WHAT IS MOBILITY PACKAGE I?

Mobility Package I provides a wide range set of initiatives to address key issues affecting European transport and mobility. The aim of the Package is to significantly improve working conditions in the road transport industry. At the present, it is foreseen that the mandatory return for lorries and the cabotage quotas on international combined transport operations will become applicable starting February 21, 2022.

GROWING CONCERNS

During negotiations, the Commission expressed the concern that the mandatory vehicle return and new cabotage rules did not coincide with the ambitions of the European Green Deal. Therefore, the Commission committed to proceed with a close assessment of their likely climate, environmental, and single market impact through two independent studies. The studies have now been finalized and the results have been shared with the Member States and the European Parliament.

STUDY RESULTS

The results suggest that the return obligation and the cabotage quotas will likely have negative effects, including increased transport emissions.

In the context of the study, the analysis of the return obligation for vehicles shows that in the most-likely-to-occur scenario, the provision will create additional journeys, potentially resulting in up to 2.9 million tons of additional CO2 emissions in 2023 (a 4.6% increase in international road freight emissions).

The study focusing on the cabotage quotas for international combined transport operations estimates that a widespread use could lead to an additional 400.000 tons of CO2 emissions approximately and possible negative long-term effects on rail and intermodal freight.

According to the studies' results, the two requirements could then result in up to 3.3 million additional tons of CO2 emissions annually. They could also generate up to 704 tons of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and 251 tons of particulate matter (PM2.5).

NEXT STEPS

The European Commission now aims to open the discussion with the Council and European Parliament.

[Source: European Commission]

Do you have questions about Mobility Package I or concerns regarding the two requirements discussed here?

Let us know by e-mailing christy.ha@esporg.eu so that we can bring up your concerns directly with the Commission.

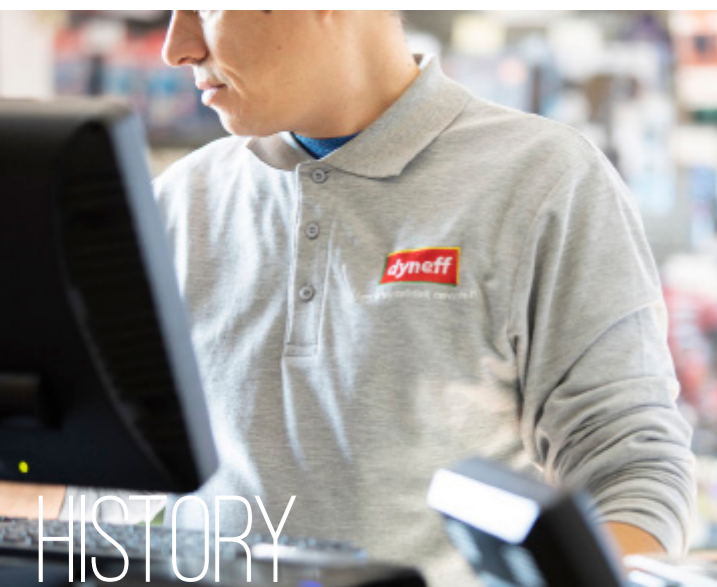




For more than 60 years, the Dyneff group has offered a wide range of fuels and services that respond to the needs of professionals, individuals and public administrations.



In an often depersonalized market, Dyneff is distinguished by its strong company culture and by the values it shares with its clients, professionals or individuals. A subsidiary of an international group, the company has managed to preserve a human-scale structure that benefits from the power of its parent group to carry out responsible development.



DYNEFF LA JONQUERA

Located along the N-II and AP-7 highways in Girona, Dyneff La Jonquera offers its own fuel brand as well as several services for its customers 24 hours, 7 days a week. The parking area has availability for 31 trucks.

Services include:

- 24/7 fuel service
- Acceptance of refrigerated vehicles
- Solar panels
- Laundry
- Showers
- Handicapped parking
- Wifi
- Spare parts shop
- Restaurant
- Snack Bar

DYNEFF ARASUR

Located along the N-I and AP-1 highways in Rivabellosa, Dyneff Arasur also offers the home fuel brand as well as 35 spots available for trucks.

Services include:

- Separate parking for HGV
- Acceptance of refrigerated vehicles
- Solar panels
- Laundry
- Showers
- Television Room
- Leisure Facilities
- Wifi
- Spare parts shop
- Restaurant
- Snack Bar



Dyneff hopes to certify its La Jonquera and Arasur parking areas through the EU-Parking Standard this year. The areas will meet the basic requirements of the Standard and qualify at bronze level.

For more information about Dyneff or its service stations, feel free to visit their areas via the ESPORG application:

<https://app.esporg.eu/#/parkings/filterparking?newParamKey=94>

for La Jonquera:

<https://app.esporg.eu/#/parkings/filterparking?newParamKey=94>

for Arasur or via their website:

<https://www.dyneff.es/>

1958

Antoine Lecea founds a petroleum product distribution company in the French department of Aude

1976

Antoine Lecea creates Dyneff, a company whose name is the acronym for the French terms D Y N - a m i s m e (dynamism) and EFF-icacité (efficiency).

1984

Dyneff is the first French company to enter the Spanish energy market. Introduction in France of the first electronic payment card exclusively for the purchase of fuel.

1998

Constitution of the companies Dyneff España and Dyneff Cataluña in the communities of the Basque Country and Catalonia and integration of the image "Estaciones del Sol" in the gas station network.

2006

Takeover by Rompetrol France.

2007

First Rompetrol gas stations in France and installation of a dozen distribution points for green Super Ethanol E85 fuel. Kaz-MunayGaz (KMG) acquires 75% of the TRG group (The Rompetrol Group).

2008

Modernization of the Dyneff identity. Launch of the Dyneff brand in Spain with the implementation of the first three service stations in the country and development of small distribution in the Girona area.

2015

Dyneff starts natural gas commercialization activity in France.

2019

The image Dyneff returns to the stations after 20 years, replacing Rompetrol.

2020

Dyneff equips its stations with photovoltaic panels for its own energy consumption.

CARGO THEFT CONTINUES TO BE A CONCERN



Cargo theft is among the top three of all causes of losses. One of the prevention tips for drivers is to use guarded truck parking areas whenever possible. The decision of the European Union to make more money available for secure truck parking therefore comes not a moment too soon, says Bart Van Acker, Head of Logistics and Transport at TVM Belgium.



Bart Van Acker: "We are now finally seeing an acceleration in the development of secure truck parking areas in EU territory."

"Of all cargo losses, theft has the greatest financial impact"

text: Veerle De Graeve
image: Filip Van Look

"Of all cargo losses, theft has the greatest financial impact," says Bart. "The average compensation in a theft claim is at least double the average amount for claims for other types of losses. Europe-wide, declared thefts alone amount to several billions of euros per year. Apart from the harm to the reputation and other consequential damage when theft occurs, it also often has an impact on the insurance terms, resulting in a higher excess for the carrier."

"In the first nine months of 2020, due to the lockdowns, fewer cargo thefts were reported than in the same period last year. But in the last quarter it's as if cargo thieves were making up for their 'losses'. Those three months accounted for no less than 40% of all cargo thefts in the past year. Traditionally, more thefts take place towards the end of the year, when the days are short and dark, but at the end of 2020, we saw a significant increase compared to the same period in 2019. Cargo thieves were temporarily thwarted by the corona pandemic, but they then resumed their shady activities with renewed intensity."

Electric scooters were very popular with cargo thieves last year, in addition to the classics such as clothing, shoes, toys and electronics. "Now that even more people have found their way to e-commerce, the market for illegally obtained goods is also growing. An extensive, illegal circuit is escaping detection on account of online sales. That's the reason that I do not particularly expect to see a decrease in the number of cargo thefts."

Secure car parks

One of the prevention tips for avoiding cargo theft is for drivers on the road to use secure truck parks. "More and more stakeholders and large manufacturers of high-value goods are also imposing strict conditions through so-called framework contracts involving the mandatory use of secure truck parks. If a cargo theft then takes place in an unsecured parking area, the limitation of the carrier's liability (CMR convention) may no longer be applicable and he will have to pay compensation for the full damages. Which in turn very often results in a limitation or even an exclusion in the insurance conditions."

This vicious circle can only be broken if more and more secure parking areas become available. "The European Union has finally allocated a budget to work on secure truck parks throughout the EU territory. A single guarded truck park every hundred kilometres, that is the ambitious – to say the least – target that the European Union has set. The European Union has a standard for what such a secure parking area should be like. Things now finally seem to be moving more quickly."

A few theft prevention tips

Here are some more tips for drivers to avoid cargo theft.

Know what you are transporting! But don't talk to anyone about it, not even in social conversations.

Parking – with theft-prone cargo

- Make sure there is security monitoring.
- Stay with your vehicle, do not leave it unattended.
- In case of trouble, contact the planning department and/or the police.
- Acting on your own is not a good idea.
- Consider your own safety first.

Not being able to unload

- Coordinate with the planning department about what to do.

Having to unload somewhere else

- Never without the approval of the planning department/client.
- Always provide proof of delivery from the correct recipient.
- If it seems suspicious, contact the planning department first.

What to do in case of theft caught in the act

- Call the police.
- Stay calm and methodical.
- Lock the door and keep the curtains closed, don't attract attention to yourself.
- As much as possible, make sure that your employer or the police know what is going on.
- Use the panic button, call the planning department, call the emergency number. Do not take any action on your own!
- Nothing is more important than your own safety.

SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS - 2020 AT THE TRUCKERSLIFE FOUNDATION

Thousands of kilometers travelled, 1000 distributed aid packages, 60 trained drivers - HeroTruckers, start of the construction of 10 outdoor gyms, and the implementation of a social campaign entitled "I am a woman, I steer." This was the year 2020 for the TruckersLife Foundation.



2020 for the TruckersLife

The year 2020 for the Truckers Life Foundation was marked by intense activities aimed mostly at improving the safety of professional drivers. Due to the prevailing pandemic, it was also a time that required great flexibility and the ability to adapt to dynamically changing circumstances not only for the Foundation's employees but also all entities cooperating with them.

Natalia Janiszewska, Spokesperson, Truckers Life Foundation

"2020 was a very intense year for us. This was mainly due to the ever changing circumstances and possibilities of implementation of the activities which we had planned. The pandemic has direct impact on the work of the professional group, which is the beneficiary of all our activities, therefore "a change" is probably the word with which we got used to the most this year."

Anti-covid packages for drivers

The action plan adopted for 2020 assumed the implementation of several free first aid training courses for professional drivers which were to start in March 2020. Unfortunately, in February, information about the spread of the coronavirus and the deteriorating availability of articles that minimize the risk of contracting it - masks, gloves, disinfectants and helmets, began to circulate all over Europe. Thanks to the collaboration with zrzutka.pl and the support of the Foundation's Partners and Patrons, we managed to collect funds necessary for the purchase and distribution of these articles among professional drivers. As a result, 1000 aid packages were distributed among the drivers who were forced to work outside the country in the spring of last year.

First aid training

The third quarter of 2020 marked the implementation of the HeroTrucker program, i.e. free first aid trainings for professional drivers. Thanks to the grant from the Civic Initiatives

Fund, 7 trainings were organized, with a total of 60 driver participants. Each of them took part in a full-day course, during which its participants acquired skills related to providing first aid in traffic accidents, emergencies and hemorrhages.

I am a woman, I steer

The last months of 2020 were devoted to the implementation of the "I am a woman, I steer" campaign. This campaign, initiated by the film of the same title, was meant to draw attention to women in the transport industry and to encourage the retraining of these women who, due to various reasons, have found themselves in a difficult situation and need to change their lifestyle and their professions. In addition to broadcasting the film, we organized some inspiring meetings of female truckers and protagonists of the film with women who are in prison now but who will soon be free and will have to return to their professional life. The campaign was carried out thanks to the support of the Kulczyk Foundation.



Outdoor gyms

The Truckers Life Foundation is an organization whose activities go beyond the borders of Poland. Last year, it also intensified its undertakings in Germany. Despite the prevailing pandemic, a number of new and very promising partnerships have been established. First of all, thanks to all the efforts made last year, in the second quarter of 2021, 10 new outdoor gyms, which drivers will be able to use free of charge during their work breaks, will appear in Western Europe.

Anna Kuzynin, Coordinator of Western European projects, Truckers Life Foundation

"2020 was definitely a year of "partnership". It was possible to instill faith in the purposefulness of joint actions among international institutions such as ESPORG, UICR or BGL. I think the best is yet to come."

What can we wish the Foundation in 2021? - "I think two things: committed partners who understand our mission as well as slightly less dynamically changing external circumstances. That would be more than enough." - says Natalia Janiszewska

The TruckersLife Foundation is the largest Polish non-governmental organization working to improve the health and safety of professional drivers. For 8 years, it has been supporting drivers in their daily work, inspiring them to improve their eating habits, encouraging physical activity and taking all kinds of necessary intervention operations.

General Meeting

The General Assembly Meeting for ESPORG members will take place virtually on March 17, 2021, from 10 AM-12 PM CET. Are you a member but can't make the meeting?

Send an e-mail to christy.ha@esporg.eu.

Upcoming Workshop

In conjunction with the European Road Haulers Association (UETR), ESPORG will be organizing a new workshop on March 22, 2021. The workshop will aim to define the needs and requirements of those within the logistics industry and to offer practical solutions for truck drivers in accordance with EU regulations on driving and resting times. Would you like to sign up? E-mail christy.ha@esporg.eu.

Moving the Standard Forward

Following a successful meeting, ESPORG has established a close cooperation with the European Commission's Expert Group on Land Transport Security (LANDSEC) regarding the topics of safe and secure truck parking areas and the EU-Parking Standard. In the meeting on February 17th, General Manager Dirk Penasse represented ESPORG and gave a presentation about parking operators' view on safe and secure truck parking areas. In addition, the European Commission, through Inès Maillart, Unit C1, Road Transport, DG MOVE, presented the EU-Parking Standard, background, state of play and way forward regarding the Standard and safe and secure parking areas. Through these presentations, the European Commission and ESPORG stated their full support to and continued efforts towards the update of the EU-Parking Standard and its practical implementation throughout the EU as the only EU approved standard for safe and secure truck parking areas. We look forward to future cooperation!

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The initiative of the A4 Holding Group is active from Monday, February 22nd at Autoparco Brescia Est.

Starting from Monday, February 22nd, a new test point is available in Autoparco Brescia Est to all truckers in transit on the A4 motorway. In the swab point of Autoparco it is possible to get a rapid Covid-19 test, of which a negative result is essential to cross the border to Austria and Germany.

The service consists of a nasopharyngeal swab and is carried out in collaboration with the Poliambulatorio Specialistico Verona at the cost of thirty euros. The result is released together with the related multilingual documentation (Italian, German and English) within 10 minutes of waiting after getting the test done.

This initiative is intended to be a concrete help to the Italian and foreign road hauliers category, who finds itself having to face long and exhausting queues at the borders or having to search for uncomfortable solutions in order to have the obligatory test done.

The service started on Monday, February 22nd and will be active during the week from Monday to Friday, from 17.00 to 19.30, without any need for reservation.

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