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European association for forwarding, transport, logistic and customs services

More efficiency for trucks in the EU: The European Modular System

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CLECAT & logistics at a glance

- **CLECAT is a non profit association founded in 1958**, registered in the EU register of interest representatives
- **CLECAT constituency:**
 - Freight Forwarders, Logistics and Customs service providers national federations + related Interest representatives as non-voting Members
 - Companies as global players, SME's and regional operators, small & family businesses
- **Policy scope:** EU legislation in transport, logistics and Customs

CLECAT & logistics at a glance

- **Our numbers (Full Members only):**
 - Over 19.000 companies
 - Over 1 million direct FTE's
- **LSP's as trade facilitators:**
 - Freight forwarders evolved to LSP's, using all transport modes to full potential, providing direct link between production and markets, enlarging the commercial horizons, making far away markets accessible to the majority of SME's, providing a practical "single window" for all those who wish to use LSP's services

Advantages of EMS

- EMS reduces consumption and emissions:
 - fuel consumption per unitised cargo quantity is reduced by about 1/4
 - emission of CO₂ and other harmful gases likewise reduced
- EMS reduces congestion
 - less road space is use for carrying the same amount of goods
- EMS is conducive to intermodal transport
 - Road legs of intermodal transport are more efficient
 - Savings contribute to containing the costs of the intermodal chain
 - standard loading units are the same that are used in maritime, rail, and combined freight transport

Advantages of EMS

- EMS is flexible
 - Longer or shorter combinations may adapt to local infrastructure conditions, customers' requirements, timing of delivery
- EMS is cheap
 - Infrastructure served by typical EMS vehicles need only small adaptation.

CLECAT position on EMS

- CLECAT is part of the EMS forum
 - The EMS forum urges the Commission to encourage and support cooperation between consenting Member States for EMS pilot studies and cross-border trials (www.modularsystem.eu).

CLECAT position on EMS

- CLECAT went one step further
 - Based on a rational analysis of directive 96/53/EC in line with the original spirit of the legislation, CLECAT published a position paper, where it states the following:
 - the modular concept is allowed without restriction on the territory of all Member states that allow its use in their national transport as long as such member states treat all operators without discrimination

CLECAT position on EMS

- all operators:
 - are allowed to operate modular concept combinations (each element complying with the dimensions listed in the directive) within the territory of all Member states that allow their circulation within their territory and
 - are not allowed to operate modular concept combinations in the territory of member states that restrict the circulation of such combination even in their national traffic;
- Cross border operations of modular concept combinations between member states is allowed, if these member states allow modular concept operations within their own territory and have informed the Commission thereof.

CLECAT'S OPINION

- Freight Forwarders need more volume orientated solutions
- We are improving the supply chain in the direction of greening transport
- Growth of transport demand asks for improving of all the transport modes
- Using EMS can make intermodal solutions more economically

EMS tests in Germany

- Regional tests in the past were successful
- End of the year a nationwide test with 1000 or 1500 units should take place
- The test will be volume orientated
- Gross weight will be limited to 44 or 46 T
- We are looking for a EMS community in central and northern Europe for the moment
- Improvement of technologies should take place in all the modes of transports

Thank you!

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