



HOUSE OF LORDS

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CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Future UK-EU transport arrangements

Background

The House of Lords EU Internal Market Sub-Committee, chaired by Lord Whitty, has decided to launch an inquiry into the future UK-EU relationship in road, rail and maritime transport. The inquiry will explore the opportunities and challenges of leaving the EU in areas such as market access, standards and cooperation.

The Government set out a basic framework for the future UK-EU transport relationship in a paper published 7 June 2018, which emphasised the role played by cross-border transport networks in underpinning international trade as well as performing an essential social function.¹

The paper listed the Government's broad objectives for the four major modes of transport:

- Aviation: market access arrangements, safety and security regulation and air traffic management.
- Road: market access arrangements for commercial road transport operators (goods and passengers) and private motoring.
- Maritime: safety and security cooperation.
- Rail: bilateral agreements to ensure continuity of Channel Tunnel and Belfast Dublin services.

Some further details on these objectives were given in the *Future relationship between the United Kingdom and European Union White Paper*, published 12 July 2018.²

The inquiry

The Internal Market Sub-Committee intends to contribute to public debate on the opportunities and challenges of the future UK-EU relationship in road, rail and maritime transport and to inform and influence the UK Government's consideration of these issues.

The Sub-Committee reported on the implications of Brexit for the aviation sector in its Brexit: trade in non-financial services report, published 22 March 2017³ and again in a letter to the

¹ HM Government, Framework for the UK-EU partnership Transport, (June 2018) assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/714676/Framework_for_the_UK-EU_partnership_Transport.pdf [accessed 20 July]

² HM Government, *The future relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union* (12 July 2018) www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-future-relationship-between-the-united-kingdom-and-the-european-union

³ European Union Committee, [Brexit: trade in non-financial services](#) (18th Report, Session 2016–17, HL Paper 135)

Government published 2 July 2018.⁴ The Sub-Committee does not therefore intend to gather further evidence on aviation during this inquiry.

Public hearings will be held from September 2018 until November 2018. The Sub-Committee aims to publish its report, with recommendations, early in 2019. The report will receive a response from the Government and will be debated in the House.

The Sub-Committee seeks written evidence on the following questions from anyone with a relevant interest. You need not address all questions in your response; respondents from a particular area or sector are invited to focus on the questions most pertinent to them. Submissions are sought by Friday 14 September 2018.

Road

- Are there any EU road haulage rules from which it would be beneficial for the UK to diverge?
- Is a post-Brexit agreement on goods transport by road in the mutual interest of the EU and the UK? If so, what provisions would be necessary for such an arrangement to be effective?
- Is a post-Brexit agreement on passenger transport by road in the mutual interest of the EU and the UK? If so, what provisions would be necessary for such an arrangement to be effective?
- What opportunities and challenges does Brexit present for UK road transport standards, including vehicle type approval, licencing and the market growth of low-carbon and automated vehicles?
- If the UK and the EU fail to reach an agreement on the continuing use of the Community Licence for goods vehicles, what sort of arrangements present the next best option and what challenges would this present for the industry?

Rail

- Is there a positive case for UK divergence from EU rail legislation, including the four 'railway packages'?
- What are the implications of the Government's proposed approach of pursuing bilateral agreements with the Governments of France, Belgium and the Netherlands for services through the Channel Tunnel and with the Irish Government for the Belfast-Dublin Enterprise line?
- Is a post-Brexit agreement on rail transport in the mutual interest of the EU and the UK? If so, what provisions would be necessary for such an arrangement to be effective?
- What would be the implications of 'no deal' for the UK's rail industry? Are there any existing international arrangements that could be utilised instead?

Maritime

- What opportunities and challenges does Brexit present for UK shipping?
- What opportunities and challenges would arise from divergence from EU rules on ports post-Brexit?

⁴ EU Internal Market Sub-Committee, *Brexit: trade in non-financial services follow-up* (3 July 2018) www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/eu-internal-market-subcommittee/brexit-%20trade%20in%20services/LordWhitty-LordCallanan-030718.pdf [accessed 20 July]

- Is a post-Brexit agreement on maritime transport in the mutual interest of the EU and the UK? If so, what provisions would be necessary for such an arrangement to be effective?
- What would be the implications of 'no deal' for UK-EU maritime transport? Are there any existing alternative arrangements that could be utilised?

Multi-modal

- Do any existing agreements between the EU and third countries provide a useful precedent for a future UK-EU transport relationship?
- Are there any EU transport infrastructure projects that it would be in the UK's interest to remain involved with? For example, TEN-T projects?
- What opportunities and challenges does Brexit present for passenger rights?
- How prepared are the Department for Transport and UK transport agencies and bodies for Brexit, including the potential implications of 'no deal'?

ANNEX: Guidance for submissions

Written evidence should be submitted online using the written submission form available at: www.parliament.uk/future-uk-eu-transport-lords-submission-form. This page also provides guidance on submitting evidence.

If you have difficulty submitting evidence online, please contact Committee staff by email at barryr@parliament.uk, or by telephoning 020 7219 4840. The deadline for written evidence is Friday 14 September 2018.

Short submissions are preferred. A submission longer than six pages should include a one-page summary. Paragraphs should be numbered. All submissions made through the written submission form will be acknowledged automatically by email.

Evidence which is accepted by the Committee may be published online at any stage; when it is so published it becomes subject to parliamentary copyright and is protected by parliamentary privilege. Submissions which have been previously published will not be accepted as evidence. Once you have received acknowledgement that the evidence has been accepted you will receive a further email, and at this point you may publicise or publish your evidence yourself. In doing so you must indicate that it was prepared for the Committee, and you should be aware that your publication or re-publication of your evidence may not be protected by parliamentary privilege.

Personal contact details will be removed from evidence before publication, but will be retained by the Committee Office and used for specific purposes relating to the Committee's work, for instance to seek additional information.

Persons who submit written evidence, and others, may be invited to give oral evidence. Oral evidence is usually given in public at Westminster and broadcast online; transcripts are also taken and published online. Persons invited to give oral evidence will be notified separately of the procedure to be followed and the topics likely to be discussed.

Substantive communications to the Committee about the inquiry should be addressed through the clerk of the Committee, whether or not they are intended to constitute formal evidence to the Committee.

This is a public call for evidence. Please bring it to the attention of other groups and individuals who may not have received a copy directly.

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