

Brussels, 6th September 06

RE: CLECAT discussion paper on Commission proposal for enhancing supply chain security

To Whom It May Concern:

You will know from our response to the Commission's initial consultation document preliminary to the submitted proposal on hand security, that the Clecat Secretariat, and most importantly its 29 national members covering all EU countries, treat the matter of Security with great seriousness and responsibility. Our close co-operation with the Commission and our consultation meeting will have demonstrated this commitment. Since our first response, much discussion has ensued within both our membership and within our industry sector.

In wishing to achieve a solution to the increased Security requirement we consider it most important to ensure any new measures are effective, but are also practically possible, cost effective and commensurate with the level of risk, and voluntary.

We hope you will find the following points to be constructive, and our questions to be helpful and not obstructive. It will be the practitioner's, particularly Forwarding Agents and Hauliers, which will bear both the cost and the daily responsibility of compliance, whilst at the same time endeavouring to meet the considerable demands of the modern EU manufacturing and consumer market place where prompt and efficient movement of good is essential to economic success.

We are certain the Commission and National Governments will recognise the need to balance necessary Security risks with these important economic factors, and will understand Clecat CLECAT, aisbl (n° 0408301209)

members are only concerned to assist in achieving an appropriate, workable, and affordable solution.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clive Broadley', with a period at the end.

Mr. Clive Broadley

Chairman

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