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NOTE A L'ATTENTION DE TOUS LES TRANSPORTEURS INTERNATIONAUX SE RENDANT A DUBLIN

NOTICE TO ALL INTERNATIONAL HAULIERS TRAVELLING TO DUBLIN

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Dublin City Council's new HGV Management Strategy

- The HGV Management Strategy will be introduced on 19 February 2007.
- This strategy prohibits 5+ axle vehicles from travelling within a cordon area of Dublin City from 07.00-19.00 Monday to Sunday.
- The objectives of the HGV Management Strategy are:
 - To ensure the optimal use by HGVs of the new Dublin Port Tunnel which opened to traffic on 20 December 2006;
 - > To minimise adverse effects of remaining HGV movements in the city; and
 - To manage the movement of vehicles not within permitted dimensions (e.g. through permit systems).
- Under the strategy, from 19 February 2007 all HGVs with 5 axles or more, exiting Dublin Port, must use the new Dublin Port Tunnel to access the national road network between 7am and 7pm Monday to Sunday. Between these hours each day, 5+ axle vehicles and over will in effect be prohibited from traveling within a cordon area of the city (see cordon map on Dublin City Council's website <u>www.dublincity.ie</u>). However, a permit system will be put in place by Dublin City Council prior to the commencement of the Strategy, for vehicles servicing Dublin city businesses between those hours.
- A limited online permit scheme is available from 13 February 2007 on <u>www.dublincity.ie</u> for 5+ axle vehicles that currently load or unload within the cordon. There will be no charge for a Load/Unload Permit until 1 May 2007. From 1 May 2007 onwards a fee of €5 will apply.
- Breach of the cordon will be an offence.
- Further information on the new HGV Management Strategy and Permit System can be obtained by accessing the link entitled *HGV Permits and Management Strategy* on Dublin City Council's website: <u>www.dublincity.ie</u>.
- Applications for a permit can be made online from 13 February 2007 on the HGV website: <u>www.hgv.ie</u>.