



# UNION EUROPÉENNE DES TRANSPORTEURS ROUTIER

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### **COVID 19: new restrictive measures from Germany, Austria and Czech Republic once again hamper the movement of goods in disregard of the principles of EU Green Lanes.**

Following the restrictive policy carried out by Germany, introducing *ex abrupto* COVID 19 testing requirements for road haulers, Austria has also approved border control measures preventing access to Austrian territory to all vehicles whose drivers and occupants do not have a certificate that proves negativity to Covid-19, through proof of PCR or antigenic test carried out in the previous 48 hours.

"A new wave of unilateral restrictive measures is sweeping over the EU and is negatively affecting the activity carried out by road haulers, whose only fault is to deliver goods to benefit society. And the supply chains are seriously impacted" said UETR President Julio Villaescusa.

Drivers are either stuck on the road or struggling to identify a suitable test center. There is also uncertainty on where and where leaving the vehicle. Tyrol/Brenner is a key area, and these new border controls are slowing down freight transport.

"We see national measures in complete disregard of the sensible principles of the Green Lanes, and of the recommendations adopted by the Council of the EU. With lack of coordination in terms of consequences and follow up approach" said UETR Secretary General Marco Digioia.

UETR calls on the European Commission and Parliament to take firm action and ensure that Green Lanes are fully complied with, not requiring testing for transport workers.

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#### **About UETR**

*UETR is the European umbrella organization representing and defending the interests of more than 200.000 road transport undertakings (mostly Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) with a total capacity of more than 430.000 commercial vehicles. Within the Union, 95% of the road haulage companies are micro-enterprises with less than 10 employees (small firms or one-man operations). For more information visit [www.uetr.eu](http://www.uetr.eu)*

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