

Circular

Subject: COVID-19 Impact on Sea Freight Forwarders / CLECAT Paper D&D

Dear Members,

CLECAT has sent a letter to Ms Magda Kopczynska, Director Waterborne at DG MOVE, explaining the impact of COVID-19 on sea freight forwarders in view of recent decisions made by carriers. The letter, which you will find attached to this Circular, **refers to the unreasonable practices and charges introduced by carriers in liner shipping as well as the recent decision on Consortia BER.**

The final CLECAT briefing and industry recommendations paper on detention and demurrage (D&D) practices in shipping was also shared with DG MOVE to brief them on the experiences and issues freight forwarders have encountered with detention and demurrage charges. The paper also refers to the recent European court cases, which demonstrate that the shipping lines abuse their position when it comes to these charges.

The briefing paper has been published on the [CLECAT website](#) and can also be found in attachment to this Circular. A [press release](#) has also been published today to accompany the publication of the paper.

This should mark the start of a process with DG MOVE to make them more aware of behaviour of carriers towards their customers. We will equally share this with the relevant unit in DG Competition.

Kind regards,

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Policy Manager

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Attachments

- [Clecat Briefing & Industry Recommendations Paper On D&d Practices In Shipping.pdf](#)
- [Clecat Letter To Ms Magda Kopczynska Dg Move.pdf](#)

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