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Preparedness in Wales for the end of  
the transition period  
Evidence from Rail Freight Group

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Following your telephone and e-mail invitations on 2 July to respond to this Inquiry, the matter has been discussed with relevant Rail Freight Group members to identify any particular issues they may be encountering regarding preparedness in Wales for the end of the transition period.

UK Government's recent update to the Border Operating Model included an Annex covering the rail requirements for international rail freight through the Channel Tunnel. Although there are a number of details still to be formally resolved, our members are broadly content that such services will be able to keep running from January.

More generally, the lack of clarity over the terms of trade with the EU from January remains of concern to businesses involved in importing and exporting, and for ports. However, we do not see these as specific to rail freight.

I am therefore now writing to confirm that no specific areas of concern have been identified within rail freight beyond those widely aired in respect of the preparedness of the United Kingdom as a whole.