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To whom it may concern,

Usage of Toilet and Handwashing Facilities by Freight Drivers

You will be aware of current health advice that, to combat the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, everyone should wash their hands regularly. I have been disappointed to learn that a number of freight drivers have experienced challenges regarding the use of toilet facilities when picking up or dropping off goods and when refuelling.

This letter is to confirm that there is no public health reason to deny access to toilet facilities to freight drivers (or others) who do not have COVID-19 symptoms of cough or high temperature. At this time, it is particularly important that everyone increases the frequency of hand washing, so access to toilet facilities is particularly important. The freight industry in Scotland is vital to our efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on all businesses and individuals in Scotland.

Please facilitate freight drivers and others to continue to access toilet facilities and handwashing facilities.

This letter has been provided to the Road Haulage Association for onward distribution to its members and regional distribution centres.

I thank you for your support as we work together to ensure that everyone in Scotland is able to take necessary precautions to combat the COVID-19 emergency.

For all up-to-date information regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) please see:

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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