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Subject: Decision of TRENITALIA Cargo to stop all single wagon traffic for dangerous goods by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

Dear Mr Ruete,

We were informed that TRENITALIA has decided to forbid the transport of dangerous goods by single wagons in Italy from March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 onwards.

This decision is a big step backwards with regards to an open European rail freight market and does harm to all the efforts done by the European commission and the whole sector to make the rail freight transport attractive and competitive. Especially regarding the transport of dangerous goods, for safety reasons it should be paramount to have it on the rail and not on the road, since the rail was and is – irrespective from the horrible accident in Viareggio – the safest transport mode.

The decision of TRENITALIA therefore does not only harm to our members, the keepers of a private wagon fleet of 250,000 cars, which takes 50 % of the European rail freight volume, but it does endanger the overall safety of dangerous goods transport in Italy and its neighbour countries.

UIP therefore protests against the decision of TRENITALIA and ask the DG Move to take any appropriate action to revert this situation.

We are open to discuss with you appropriate steps as we were open to contribute with all our efforts in the Task Force Maintenance, set by the DG Commission.

Thank you in advance for your support

Yours sincerely

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President

Cc : Mr Grillo-Pasquarelli, Director of Inland Transport Directorate  
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