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Dear Peter,

Thank you for your email of 5 January also copied to Grant Shapps, about support of the logistics sector and its essential worker status.

I confirm it essential that the work of the logistics sector should continue to the greatest extent possible through the Covid-19 crisis.

As is clear in the [latest guidance](#), those who work to keep the freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass, are considered **critical workers**. This, therefore, includes haulage drivers, managers, warehouse staff and all other logistics professions who we need to continue to go about their business to keep supply chains moving. As such, school age children of employees engaged in these activities should be eligible to continue attending school in line with Government policy.

Government policy is clear that this applies to all supply chains and not only those for food and medical supplies. The current regulations allow travel to work and travel associated with work (including for instance necessary washing of vehicles or supply of spare parts). At all times workers should, however, follow Public Health England guidance on social distancing and companies should maintain Covid-secure working practices.

We have communicated this to the National Police Chiefs Council to ensure it is shared with all police forces in the context of their important work to enforce restrictions. Relevant guidance is on the College of Policing [website](#).

I would be happy for you to share this letter with your members, and for them to use it as evidence of the Government position if required.

Thank you for everything you and your members have done and continue to do to keep supply chains moving in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Maclean', with a small dot at the end.

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