

UK Haulage at Breaking Point

Dear Valued Customer,

As always, Beckchoice like to keep you up to date with the current news in the freight forwarding industry and to be as transparent as possible with our client base.

Currently, when trying to book haulage with merchant hauliers and Shipping lines, we are facing lead times of 14-21 days. This is due to the Nationwide shortage of HGV drivers and the situation has worsened drastically since BREXIT, as most European HGV drivers have returned to mainland Europe.

The Road Haulage Association estimate we are short by roughly 100,000 drivers at the moment and this is getting worse by the week as the remaining drivers switch from Container work to Trailers because the supermarkets are offering incomparable day rates to drivers to try and ensure there is no break in their supply chains.

Please bear this in mind when sending us instructions for new arrivals and get your paperwork across to us at the earliest possible time, so we can do our very best to complete your haulage within the free time granted by the nominated shipping line. However, please note that, with lead times of up to 3 weeks and the vessel delays as they are, this is not always possible. Please also be aware that the delays may also lead to rent/demurrage charges being sustained, which, of course, we would have to pass on to you.

We appreciate your understanding on this matter and as always Beckchoice Ltd will be working hard and doing our utmost to reduce the impact of these issues and keep any extra costs as low as possible so we can look after our customers as best we can in these difficult times.

Sincerely

Beckchoice Ltd.