

PRESS RELEASE « Energy Transition »

PRESSURE OF THE STATE ON THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF SHIPPERS AND CARRIERS ABOUT THE CONTROL OF GAS EMISSIONS GREENHOUSE OF TRANSPORT SERVICES

" The energy transition in transport also requires information "

Madam Minister **Ségolène Royal** and Mister Secretary of State **Alain Vidalies** announced in a press release Monday, January 18 **the generalisation of the duty to provide information** on the amount of pollutants and **other greenhouse gases** emitted in the course of a transport service, pursuant to the implementation of the Energy Transition Act for green growth.

This new measure enables to go further in the **accountability of shippers and carriers** regarding the control of greenhouse gases, **beyond the only efforts on CO2**.

It allows harmonizing the information practices between carriers and shippers at European level, putting the fight against climate change in the heart of business competitiveness.

The regulation defining the scope of the greenhouse gas will be submitted to consultation early 2016.

The appellation "greenhouse gas" includes the six following gases: carbondioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), nitrous oxide (N2O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulfur hexafluoride (SF6).

We welcome the French government's efforts to clarify the national terminology and make it more efficient in the fight against global warming.

The online calculation of the pollutant emissions, which is proposed by TK'Blue Agency, already includes CO2 emissions and other greenhouse gas. **So without delay, shippers and carriers can satisfy the new requirements announced by the Ministry. Certified compliant by Bureau Veritas**, the calculator is fully free for road transportation and is accessible 24/24.

As a reminder, in addition to the greenhouse gases, the Agency's calculator also takes into account all the negative externalities of transportation such as **particulates, congestion, noise and accidents**.

The other nuisances – which generate tremendous societal costs of 700 billion Euros per year in Europe – will be shortly also in the scope of the monitoring of shippers' behavior with the implementation of the CSR standard announced by **Mr Alain Vidalies** in July 2015.

The analysts of Vigeo-EIRIS and Sustainalytic have already taken into account TK'Blue analysis in the "scoring" that they attribute to companies they rate.

Moreover, Minister's press release indicates that **only 40% of transportation service providers declare that they are already complying with the duty of information about the amount of carbon dioxide** emitted during their transport service.*

The Accountability of the shippers, foreseen in the new Energy Transition Act will certainly help to increase in 2016 to a much higher percentage and thus show the **true commitment of transportation professionals in the energy transition**.

**Article L.1431-3 of the Transport Code provides that "any person who sells or arranges the provision of passenger transport, freight or moving must provide the recipient of the service information relating to the amount of carbon dioxide or emitted by the modes of transport used to achieve this benefit."*

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