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Dear colleague,

In Denmark there is an ongoing debate about the conditions of employment in road haulage companies. Lately the Danish media have focused on the so-called "letter box companies". A "letter box company" is subsidiary in another EU-country which is used by the parent company for registration of trucks, but which exists only as a letter box and does not fulfill the requirements of Article 5 in EU Regulation 1071/2009.

Recently the Danish media have written about the Danish company Contrans which is being accused of having a letter box company in Romania.

It is claimed that some of the companies established in Romania by Danish parent companies do not fulfill the requirement in Article 5 in EU Regulation.

We kindly ask you to inform us whether your ministry has observed any companies owned by Danish parent companies which have infringed Article 5 of the EU regulation.

I am pleased that the EU regulations make it possible for companies from all EU countries legally to perform transport activities in other EU countries. However, I find it concerning if companies might be exploiting the possibility to place businesses in other EU countries and thereby running their business on different terms than the EU regulation determines.

In case you lack information or have questions regarding our query, I encourage your staff to contact head of division in my ministry Ms. Tine Lund Jensen (tlj@trm.dk; phone +45 2265 3000) or the Danish Transport Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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