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Hauliers slam truck ban plan

Proposed regulations banning trucks over 9 tons from all public roads during rush hour will not just have a drastic effect on the freight industry but increase transport and logistics costs significantly.

Speaking to FTW following the announcement by Minister of Transport, Dipuo Peters, last week that new regulations restricting goods vehicles with a gross vehicle mass (GVM) exceeding 9000kg from operating on public roads between 6 and 9am as well as 5 and 8pm weekdays would be implemented by the end of the year, Road Freight Association spokesman Gavin Kelly said it was extremely worrying.

"The proposed legislation is ill-conceived and not clearly thought through and will damage logistics, raising costs and causing severe bottlenecks in the logistics chain," he said. "Just as worrying is the fact that these comments around the introduction of regulations are being made without any public comment or industry input."

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