

FDF's 10 Point Checklist for Greener Food Transport

✓ **Maximising vehicle loading**

What is my/your company's policy on maximising vehicle loading whether through the use of double decks and/or longer semi-trailers for lower density loads or running at maximum gross weight for higher density?

✓ **High ratio of trailers to tractors**

What is the ratio of trailers to tractors across my/your fleet given that a high ratio can help reduce waiting times and lead to less trucks on the road?

✓ **Compliance with the latest EU emissions standard**

What is my/your company's fleet replacement policy and how long will it be before all vehicles in the fleet comply with the latest EU emissions standard (i.e. EU VI)? What is the current % breakdown in use of EU IV, V and VI across the fleet?

✓ **Use of vehicle telematics**

What use does my/your company make of vehicle telematics (including in cab feedback) to minimise environmental impact? Does my/your company use tracking technology to optimise transport operations and reduce vehicle miles? If so, what type?

✓ **Collaboration to reduce empty running**

Does my/your company record empty running and, in turn, collaborate with others, including by sub-contracting, to try and reduce it? What use does the company make of consolidation centres, freight villages and/or pallet networks etc. to reduce road miles?

✓ **Increase usage of rail and/or ship**

What proportion of my/your company's current annual mileage/tonnage moved is by rail and/or ship and what is its policy on increasing such transport usage?

✓ **Supporting innovation and promoting best practice**

What does my/your company do in terms of supporting innovation and promoting best practice to reduce environmental impacts and improve efficiency through for example development of more efficient vehicle design (including the use of 'aero kits'), lubricants, refrigerants and low rolling resistance tyres?

✓ **Driver training**

What are my/your company's policies/schemes on training and engagement with its drivers to reduce environmental impact through better driving practices?

✓ **Vehicle maintenance including refrigerated transport**

What are my/you company's policies on vehicle maintenance given its relevance to fuel efficiency? Where refrigerated transport is used what steps are taken to maintain the equipment and insulation to prevent and minimise leakage of refrigerants? Which refrigerant types are used?

✓ **Use of alternative fuels**

What percentage of my/your company's fleet currently operates on alternative fuels (e.g. natural gas, biofuels) and how does this breakdown by fuel type? Does your company have plans to develop this aspect of the fleet?