**Limits to megatrucks and use of better cabins will improve safety on EU roads**

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**Intro**

*Strasbourg, 10th of March.* The European Parliament today endorsed an agreement with member states to put an end to cross-border transport with the so-called 'megatrucks' or 'gigaliners', which are 25 metres long and can weigh up to 60 tons.

**The video includes extracts of the plenary voting session, stock shots and soundbites with EP rapporteur Jörg Leichtfried.**

**Shotlist**

FRANCE, STRASBOURG (MARCH 10, 2015) (SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN STRASBOURG (EXTERIOR)
2. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE VOTE IN THE PLENARY ON THE DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS OF ROAD VEHICLES CIRCULATING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY
3. JORG LEICHTFRIED (S&D MEP, AT) SAYING (ENGLISH):

“I think the first thing is that in the future, it will be possible to have more eco-friendly trucks. It will also be possible to have more weight in your vehicle if your engine uses different types of fuels, more environmental friendly fuels for example, and that I think is a very big advantage.”

1. CUTAWAY: JORG LEICHTFRIED TALKING WITH HER ASSISTANT
2. JORG LEICHTFRIED (S&D MEP, AT) SAYING (ENGLISH):

 “The trucks will also be safer because of the changes in their design, and especially safer for other people. And the third thing is that it will be better for the driver, and we will be able to see if he or she is overloaded or not. ”

1. CUTAWAY: JORG LEICHTFRIED TALKING WITH HER ASSISTANT
2. JORG LEICHTFRIED (S&D MEP, AT) SAYING (ENGLISH):

 “On the cross-boarder question about longer, heavier or taller trucks, we found a good solution, everything stays as it is. For example in Scandinavia, big trucks can cross boarders between Sweden and Finland, that is legal now and I think it is a very good thing.”

1. CUTAWAY: JORG LEICHTFRIED LEAVING THE VOTE OF THE TRAN COMMITTEE

RADEBERG, GERMANY (25 OCTOBER, 2012) (EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AUDIOVISUAL - ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF BIG TRUCKS AND VANS ON THE HIGHWAY
2. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF TRUCKS AT CONTROL POINTS