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Dear Karin,

Trailer training accreditation scheme launch and update

I am writing to update you on the plans which I have agreed with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) to support the launch of the trailer training accreditation scheme from today.

Since our last meeting on 3 February, I am pleased to say that the DVSA is in the process of recognising accreditation schemes put forward by three organisations, a fourth may follow on soon. In due course, they will all be able to accredit training providers to provide trailer training to motorists.

The first phase of the accreditation scheme will launch this month as planned. On 17, 18, 23 & 24 March, the agency will hold a series of webinars for trailer training providers to explain how they can become accredited to deliver training to motorists. The training providers will also have an opportunity to ask the DVSA and the accrediting bodies questions about the process.

The accrediting bodies and trailer training providers will need a period of time to develop their services and market their schemes to those who want to become accredited with the organisation of their choice.

During this period, the DVSA will continue to promote towing safely through the 'Whatever you're towing, make it SAFE' campaign and raise awareness of the importance of professional training.

In May, the DVSA with support from the Department, will launch the scheme with the motoring public. This will encourage motorists who want to tow for leisure or business to take up accredited training to provide them with the skills, knowledge and competencies to help them tow safely. The DVSA will engage with national media outlets, including national and local radio

stations, to secure coverage highlighting the importance of getting accredited trailer training. They will also update GOV.UK and publish other material, including a blog post from their Chief Driving Examiner, Mark Winn, to promote the importance of professional training.

I would like to thank you and the APPG on Trailer Towing and Safety for your support with our work to develop the accreditation scheme with the trailer training industry in such a short timeframe. As always, my officials will keep you updated on the developments and our wider activities in raising awareness.

I can assure you that the Department and the DVSA are fully committed to ensuring drivers access training opportunities and hear our safety message loud and clear.

Yours,
Charlotte

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