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**Subject: Invitation to the stakeholder seminar in the framework of the study
Effective reduction of noise generated by rail freight wagons in the
European Union, Brussels, 10 September 2013**

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The European Commission has recently launched an impact assessment support study "Effective reduction of noise generated by railway freight wagons in use in the European Union". An important part of this process is a public and stakeholder consultation. In that regard, an on-line survey has been prepared and is available under the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/media/consultations/2013-railnoise_en.htm. This public consultation, to which you are invited to take part, was launched on 12 July and will last until 3 October 2013.

In the framework of the consultation process the Commission has decided to organise a stakeholder seminar, in order to:

- present and corroborate preliminary findings of the consultation;
- bring together the most interested stakeholders from the sector and Member States;
- gather additional information for the study.

I would like to invite you at this event that will take place on Tuesday 10 September 2013 in the Commission's building CCAB (Centre A. Borschette , rue Froissart 36), room AB 0C, starting from 9:15 until 12:45. As the time available is limited, please do not be late for the registration that starts at 8.45.

Please feel free to disseminate this message to persons and organisations for whom you deem this seminar relevant. The preliminary agenda of the workshop is attached. Please note that no interpretation will be provided. All travelling and accommodation costs should be borne by the participants.

I would be grateful to receive your answer to this invitation. **Registrations should be sent by e-mail to Mr Gianvittorio Tavola (Gianvittorio.TAVOLA1@ec.europa.eu) before 5 September 2013. For security and capacity reasons access to the workshop will not be possible without prior registration.**

Yours sincerely,

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Stakeholder seminar on effective reduction of noise of rail freight wagons

10 September 2013, 9.15-12.45, rue Froissart 36, CCAB, room AB 0C

Draft agenda

1. 8.45-9.15: Registration, welcome coffee
2. 9.15-9.30: Introduction to the impact assessment process on effective reduction of noise of rail freight wagons (S. Prout, HoU MOVE B2/P. Rapacz, MOVE B2)
3. 9.30-10.30: Presentation of preliminary findings of the stakeholder consultation process (S. T. Jespersen, COWI)
4. 10.30-10.45: Coffee break
5. 10.45-12.30: Discussion by participants and corroboration of preliminary findings:
 - a. Problems, objectives and targets
 - b. Policy options
 - c. Preliminary assessment of impacts
6. 12.30-12.45: Closing remarks and the way forward (S. Prout, HoU MOVE B2).