



Chemical Business Association

STATEMENTS ON CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTION SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES

“The supply chain situation in the UK is deteriorating. Our September industry survey, to be released next week, shows that 96% of member companies are now experiencing issues with UK haulage, up from 63% in our last survey in June

The Chemical Business Association has written to various Ministers warning on the impact of driver shortages, including the Prime Minister, who we wrote to in June 2021, stating that *‘there was also a contingent risk to the supply of chemicals into vital areas such as water treatment, which would be critical to the health and wellbeing of the population’*

Our expertise and focus continues to remain within the chemical supply chain and we believe the impact of driver shortages is likely to get worse before it gets better. As regulatory changes to the treatment of water do not fall within our remit, we are unable to comment further on this particular aspect”

Tim Doggett, Chief Executive, Chemical Business Association

“The Hazchem Network is a longstanding member of the Chemical Business Association and we partner with over 60 transport companies throughout the UK. These all are specialists in chemical transport. The network members deliver essential chemicals regularly to hospitals and utility works. All transport companies are being impacted by driver shortages and Covid isolations. To retain and attract drivers, our members are having to increase drivers’ salaries. We fully support fair pay for drivers. What is clear though is that transport companies cannot absorb these extra costs, they must be passed on to the customers who requested the services or buy the goods.”

Robert Symes, Managing Director, Hazchem Network