

2nd November 2021



The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP
Secretary of State for Foreign,
Commonwealth and Development Affairs

The Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP
Secretary of State for International Trade
and President of the Board of Trade

The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
Secretary of State for Transport

The Rt Hon George Eustice MP
Secretary of State for Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs

Dear Ministers,

With the government's ambitions to level up and increase wages also to reduce Co2, a green tax on imported goods into the UK via Air Freight like that of air passenger duty could help achieve this aim.

The UK air freight industry adds approximately **903g*1 of Co2** of goods per tonne per km. On an average day the UK has **5,485*2 tonnes** of air freighted goods generating **495,335 tonnes of Co2 per 100km of travel**. Presently, the UK government taxes humans to travel by air, but not freight, therefore we are calling for an Air Freight Duty to be levied on all air freighted goods.

The Print and Promotional Products industry is heavily reliant on imported goods being flown in, but companies like ours are trying to change the tide with our **Made In Britain** goods. But competing with lower wage economies where working conditions and eco-credentials are meaningless or lip service is paid is still proving difficult.

I am calling on the government to impose an AIR FREIGHT DUTY TAX.

I believe it should be applicable on all air freighted goods over 5kg with exclusions for foods, pharmaceutical and medical equipment.

A set price per tonne per 100 kilometres of travel by air should be applied.

This will encourage companies to reduce their supply chains, encourage more UK manufacturing and consign cheap products to Rail or Ocean Freight reducing the Co2 footprint of our imports.

We hope you will support this aim with actions and look forward to hearing about an Air Freight Duty Tax soon.

Please follow us using **#airfreightfootprint**

Yours faithfully

Malcolm Humphreys
Managing Director

*1 Source <http://www.greenationbook.org.uk/resources/co2-freight-transport/>

*2 Source <https://www.caa.co.uk/Data-and-analysis/UK-aviation-market/Airports/Datasets/UK-airport-data/>

Click on 2020 and then on table 13.2 Total All Reporting UK Airports. The total freight divided by 365 days = 5,485 tonnes.

This letter has been sent to:-

Cc to Climate action groups.

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