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ETRC welcomes the introduction of Duty Free at the French Eurotunnel Terminal

The European Travel Retail Confederation (ETRC) has welcomed the announcement from the French government that the sale of duty free products will be permitted at the French Eurotunnel Terminal.

ETRC have been actively engaging on this issue in recent months. This announcement will align the rules applicable to the Channel Tunnel with those provided for in airports and seaports for journeys to a third country to the European Union and ensure a level playing field.

ETRC now calls upon the French government to take a further step and to allow duty free sales from the Eurostar terminals which service the same cross channel market.

ETRC President Nigel Keal stated: "ETRC is delighted that the French government have today finally clarified the situation and will allow duty free sales. We are particularly pleased that this decision has been taken as France starts to open up again and summer tourism and travel between the UK and France kicks off.

We do however call upon the French authorities to take a further step and allow duty free sales at the Eurostar terminals in France for UK-bound passengers. By doing that, they will ensure a true level playing field between all UK-France transport operators. The UK have already decided to allow duty free sales in all UK Eurostar terminals."

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About the European Travel Retail Confederation

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