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To: cberreview@cma.gov.uk
Subject: [✂] ** Private and confidential, personal and company details to be anonymised ** 07 December 2023
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Dear Sirs,

**** Private and confidential, personal and company details to be anonymised ****

We understand from our trade association, BIFA that you have issued an interim report on the subject of the CBER, in which I understand that your agency has recommended that the Block Exemption not be renewed in April 2024.

We agree with your finding and agree that in today's commercial world such an exemption is not appropriate especially when considered against the backdrop of the reduction in the number of carriers carrying containerised freight. Therefore, we would like to advise that we fully support our trade associations view that the exemption must not be renewed in April 2024.

Some shipping lines are more difficult to deal with than others [✂] is a case in point and we attach a copy of their letter to ourselves (which I am sure has been sent to all of their freight forwarding customers) Our point is that at a time when they are under significant monitoring, some carriers are still willing to impose anti-competitive charges detrimental to ourselves. [✂]

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If you wish to discuss please contact me using the details in my email signature.

Yours Sincerely,

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