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- European Commission has issued practical advice on the implementation of ‘green lanes’ – border crossings open to all freight vehicles carrying goods where any checks or health screenings should not take more than 15 minutes.
- Aim: To keep freight moving freely and efficiently across the EU
Flexibility regarding the levying of port infrastructure charges (29.04.2020)

• The Commission has proposed to amend the regulation on port charges will give Member States and port authorities the flexibility to defer, reduce or lift port infrastructure charges for port users, if they so wish. This will provide shipping companies, including those operating ferries, with much-needed liquidity.

• The amendment will give ports the possibility to waive, suspend, reduce or defer the charges for port users due between 1 March 2020 and 31 October 2020.

• Voted in the EP on 15 May and adopted by the Council few days later.

Its implementation may generate unfair competition between ports within the EU.