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## Chambers of Commerce propose measures to keep the integrity of the Single Market

The Covid-19 pandemic has put under strain the seamless functioning of the free movement of people, services and goods with the introduction of temporary restrictions at the internal borders of the European Union. Value chains have been disrupted as a result. The time has come now reinstate the Single Market.

Today, the European Commission, ahead of a meeting of the national ministers in charge of the Single Market and Industry on Friday 15 May, published a new Communication outlining a phased and coordinated approach for restoring freedom of movement and lifting of internal border controls.

Much like the European Commission the European Chamber of Commerce call for a removal of the border controls as soon as the sanitary situation allows it. In a <u>paper</u> sent to European policy makers, EUROCHAMBRES proposes 7 measures that can be swiftly implemented and would contribute to a more coordinated and efficient European approach for the restoration of the integrity of the Single Market and transport within it.

Arnaldo Abruzzini, CEO of EUROCHAMBRES said: "Instead of resorting to unilateral controls at national borders, a coordinated approach of the Member States, including digital solutions, would be much more efficient in order to preserve the integrity of the Single Market in a crisis situation."

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