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## **First transit of unaccompanied trailers through the Channel Tunnel**

Europorte Channel, the cross-Channel Railfreight operator, has launched a new unaccompanied trailer transport service between Antwerp and London.

This new service which enables the transport of complete trailers – wheels, flatbeds and container loads, is fast and has a very low carbon footprint. It can operate over long distances such as from Belgium, Germany or Eastern Europe.

A successful test run transporting goods for the Vauxhall Group was conducted, on 21-22 May over the almost 400 km distance between Antwerp in Belgium and Barking, in the UK, to the complete satisfaction of the Europorte Channel logistics customers Ewals Intermodal and Ewals Cargo Care. A set of wagons specially designed for this type of service, operated through the Channel Tunnel and along High Speed 1. Europorte Channel forecasts that this will become a regular service in the future, removing thousands of trucks from the roads.

The success of the pilot train, via the Channel Tunnel demonstrates its importance in the development of a network the value of rolling motorways. Rolling motorways are an important aspect of the growth of rail freight transportation in the future.