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GB Railfreight supports call for an aligned growth and investment strategy for UK ports

This morning, the Transport Select Committee released the report of its inquiry "Access to Ports". GB Railfreight has thanked the Committee for recognising the issue and welcomed its call for more central government involvement in decision-making around transport access to the UK's ports.

In response to the report John Smith, Managing Director of GB Railfreight, said:

"The current state of road and rail access to port infrastructure in this country is disjointed and undermines our ability to import and export effectively - to the detriment of the UK economy.

"Rail freight is a central part of this story, efficiently distributing goods in and out of UK ports and, as such, quietly keeping the UK economy moving.

"I thank the Transport Committee for recognising these issues and welcome their recommendations for more central Government involvement in the decision-making process.

"It is an important step towards creating an aligned growth and investment strategy for our ports, which the UK economy desperately needs."