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Increased Transport Costs

With increased fuel at the pump and the effect of below from 02/04 we have had to adjust pricing upwards as follows

- * \$5.69 per 20' FCL
- * \$8.67 per 40' FCL
- * \$0.33 per m3 / tonne for LCL

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The Road Transport Forum is annoyed the Government failed to give any consideration to the damage the lack of notice of the 11% increase in Road User Charges for heavy vehicles will have on transport businesses, Road Transport Forum Chief Executive Officer Tony Friedlander says.

"Our industry is realistic enough to know that occasionally Road User Charges rates have to be increased to pay for the roading system. We are annoyed that the Government only gave 48 hours advice.

"Such short notice fails to take account of the time needed for transport companies to adjust cartage rates and contracts and means most businesses across New Zealand will be making losses through the transition period. That shows either a casual indifference for the financial viability of transport businesses across New Zealand or total ignorance of how business is carried out. The Road User Charges increase may be justified, but the extremely brief lead in time is totally unacceptable.

"Road User Charges have never been increased at such short notice before. The Forum will be asking the Government to not only justify the increase but more importantly the abruptness with which it has been brought in.

"Trucking companies will be the first to be hit by these increases, which come at a time when the industry is already struggling with falling margins and profits. But in the end it will be all businesses and consumers who will have to pay. Everyone deserves a full explanation from Government.