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Institute news

CILT award winner named Professional of the Year in European awards

Josh Start, Head of the Colnbrook Logistics Centre, Heathrow Airport, has been named Professional of the Year at the European Logistics Association Awards in Brussels. He is the first ever UK-entrant to win this award, which recognises individuals who have made important contributions to the development of the logistics business environment, or can be considered thought leaders among logistics professionals in their countries. This latest achievement follows his win of the CILT Young Manager of the Year award.

He joined Wilson James after a career in the Royal Logistic Corps. He now heads the CLC, which forms a core component of airside logistics at Heathrow.



Your Institute is committed to finding best way forward for Brexit

CILT has released its second set of recommendations to the Government, offering advice and identifying opportunities for greater prosperity ahead of the UK exit from the EU. The Department for Transport asked CILT to discuss a further set of issues, focused specifically on road freight. The intention was to build on CILT's initial advice and offer further input related to desired outcomes stated by UK ministers.

The second report: Freight, logistics and supply chain priorities for EU exit negotiations: recommendations to government, recommends:

- Government should appoint a lead organisation to co-ordinate the development of a multi-agency platform to deliver integrated management of border controls, freight movements and standards
- Government and industry should work together to accelerate and improve programmes to make the freight transport and logistics profession a more attractive career opportunity
- Future immigration policy must provide sufficient flexibility to recruit from the EU at all levels, so that domestic supply chains can be fully resourced
- Government should begin scenario planning exercises with industry immediately to ensure potential changes to supply chains are understood and prepared for
- Before negotiations start in earnest, government should continue to consult to ensure it is fully informed of how Brexit could change the EU's and UK's place in global supply chains
- Government should evaluate and develop a negotiating position on vehicle licensing and cabotage
- Vehicle design and operation rules should be harmonised with EU regulations to ensure there are no barriers to the smooth flow of trucks and drivers between the EU and UK

Further discussions will be held in the summer as part of a rolling programme of professional advice to government on how to develop the best possible exit solution for the UK, our economy and national prosperity beyond Brexit.



Josh Start (centre) was the first ever UK-entrant to win the Professional of the Year award at the European Logistics Association Awards

Gerald Raymond 'Gerry' Burt OBE FCILT, 1926–2017

Gerald Burt OBE FCILT died on 4th June 2017 aged 91. The last and longest serving Chief Secretary of British Railways (1976–84), he was proud to be a real railwayman for over 40 years. Married to his beloved Edna for over 60 years, they were both very proud of their two sons and their wives, and of their five grandchildren and their partners.

