

ETRC efforts pay off; duty free at French Eurotunnel Terminal

The European Travel Retail Confederation (ETRC) has announced its pleasure that the French government is allowing the sale of duty free products at the French Eurotunnel Terminal. The association has been actively lobbying for this, as it will align the Channel Tunnel rules with other airports and seaports connecting to a non-EU country.

ETRC is now asking for a further step: the allowance of duty free sales from the Eurostar terminals, which service the same cross channel market.

ETRC President Nigel Keal stated: "ETRC is delighted that the French government has today finally clarified the situation and will allow duty free sales. We are particularly pleased that this decision has been taken as France starts to open up again and summer tourism and travel between the UK and France kicks off.

We do however call upon the French authorities to take a further step and allow duty free sales at the Eurostar terminals in France for UK-bound passengers. By doing that, they will ensure a true level playing field between all UK-France transport operators. The UK have already decided to allow duty free sales in all UK Eurostar terminals."