

In brief

Stef-TFE now plain Stef. The French reefer transportation and logistics group Stef-TFE has been called plain Stef since 1 January. The corporate holding and all of its subsidiaries in all business fields will now be branded Stef. www.stef.com

Pedretti. The French transport and logistics firm Transports Pedretti recently commenced operations at a new branch in Buchères, southwest of Troyes (France). The new distribution and transit platform has a 1,460 sqm cross-docking area and ten truck docks. www.pedretti.fr

Stronger and more efficient. The compact transport vehicle Renault Maxity has been converted to the Euro 5 standard for light commercial vehicles, giving it more power. The vehicle has been on offer with 120 and 140 hp engines since February. There is an additional model with 150 hp, which conforms to the EEV standard. A better bumper is also designed to underscore the unit's qualities as a small lorry. www.renault-trucks.com

Tyre thieves caught. The police in the southwestern German city of Rottweil have caught thieves who stole 228 complete wheel sets and tyres worth a total of EUR 113,000 in Germany and France. The culprits had been on the road carrying out transport jobs in Germany and France for a freight forwarder based in Romania. www.polizei-bw.de

CIN France

For the benefit of all

The French aviation industry remains in a state of flux and is preparing for the challenges of the future.

First the all-cargo carrier Air France Cargo, the association of airfreight enterprise TLF OAC, Aéroports de Paris, the largest European airfreight airport system, and Sycaff, the trade union of the full-freighters airlines, teamed up in a body they have called the cargo community system France (CCS France). A year ago they then founded a communication platform called cargo information network (CIN), in partnership with the French customs authorities and supported by the IT experts Cargonaut and Traxon. Jean-François Bouilhaguet, CEO of the freight handler Sodexi and an expert on tracking and tracing and consignment information matters, heads CIN France.

Bouilhaguet said that the advantages of membership included «users being able to improve their productivity and simultaneously benefiting from a partnership with the interregional customs directorate in Roissy.» CIN enables users to fulfil the requirements arising from tightened EU security regulations in the context of the

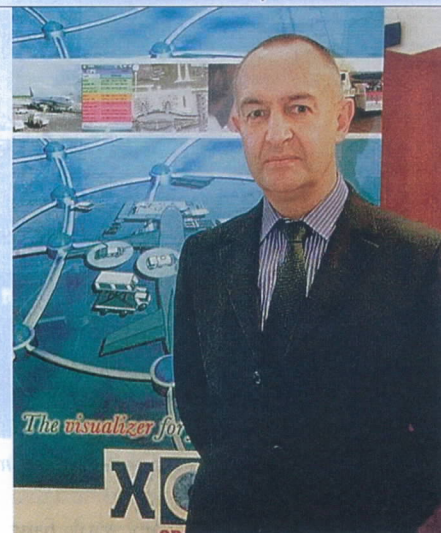


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Jean-François Bouilhaguet, president of CIN France.

new import/export monitoring processes (ICS and ECS).

«All of the participants in the project have invested a lot in the IT platform and were well supported by the customs authorities in the process too. Bouilhaguet is convinced that «e-freight will only work if all the formalities that precede actual freight handling are processed in a paper-free environment.»

Supporting e-freight measures

Bouilhaguet closed his elaborations by assuring the industry that the efforts launched by the founding of CIN in 2011 will naturally be continued in 2012. The main objective is to continue to develop the platform in accordance with the needs of its members. *ab*

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