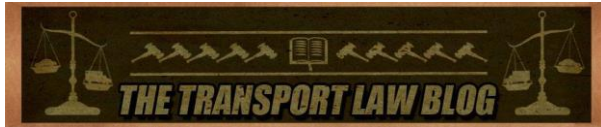


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Driverless trucks: safer, cleaner, cheaper to insure?

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Autonomous trucks are set to transform the haulage business as we know it- if they're given the green light by the government.

With Daimler being granted permission to test its autonomous truck in Nevada earlier this year, and plans to test such vehicles on public roads in Germany, 'driverless' trucks on Britain's roads could be on the horizon. But concerns have been raised about how the arrival of autonomous vehicles, not just trucks, will affect operator's insurance premiums.

The arrival of autonomous technology on UK roads will help operators see a reduction in their insurance premiums, according to [Peter](#)

[Allchome](#), partner at DAC Beachcroft Claims and a member of the Forum of Insurance Lawyers' motor sector focus team.

"We need only look as far as the role of telematics in the commercial motor environment to understand the likely benefits for operators around risk management and cost control," he says. "Driverless trucks could herald a reduction in both claims frequency and severity, as well as assisting with the reduction in running costs such as fuel and tyres."

But this is not just limited to the operators that choose to put an autonomous truck on the road. "It is likely that we will in due course encounter a situation whereby driver controlled vehicles share Britain's roads with both highly autonomous and driverless vehicles," he adds.

The *Transport Law Blog* believes that many operators could benefit from what many perceive to be safer, more intelligent technology that driverless trucks are likely to provide. But as the government has made no move to

bring autonomous vehicles on public roads just yet, it could be a while before hauliers see any benefit from the lower insurance costs that Allchorne predicts.

For more on the legal implications of driverless trucks, see *Commercial Motor's* 30 July issue.

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