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DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY
 WAGES COUNCILS ACT 1959
 ROAD HAULAGE WAGES COUNCIL
 COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

THE First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity (hereinafter referred to as "the Secretary of State") acting in pursuance of her powers under sections 4, 6 and 9 of, and Schedules 1 and 4 to, the Wages Councils Act 1959 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has appointed a Commission of Inquiry and has referred to it for inquiry and report a draft order varying the field of operation of the Road Haulage Wages Council.

Pursuant to paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Act the Secretary of State has notified the Commission that she wishes it to take into account the objections to the draft order which she received consequent upon the publication in the *London and Edinburgh Gazettes* on 17th December 1968 of a notice of intention to make an order in the terms of the draft and which are more particularly specified in the Schedule hereto.

On a reference of a draft order under paragraph 5(1) (b) of Schedule 1 to the Act as to the variation of the field of operation of a Wages Council, the Commission may, by virtue of paragraph 7(3) of the said Schedule 1, make a report to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 6(3) of the Act recommending any such variation which appears to the Commission desirable in all the circumstances.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby gives notice, pursuant to section 9 of the Act, that it will consider representations made in writing to it with respect to all questions affecting the draft order which arise on or in connection with the said objections which it is its duty to consider. Any representation should be addressed to the Secretary, Road Haulage Wages Council Commission of Inquiry, Ebury Bridge House, Ebury Bridge Road, London S.W.1, and must reach the Commission not later than 23rd July 1969.

L. A. CALVER,
 Secretary to the Commission.

SCHEDULE

Objections to the draft order varying the field of operation of the Road Haulage Wages Council received by the Secretary of State.

<i>Name of the objector</i>	<i>Date objection made</i>	<i>Nature of the objection</i>
1. Road Haulage Association Limited	22nd January 1969	That the expression "mainly for hire or reward" used in paragraph 1(1) of the Schedule to the draft order is too imprecise and should be replaced by the expression "for hire or reward to any extent or on any occasion" with the consequent deletion of paragraph 1(2).
2. Transport and General Workers' Union	23rd January 1969	That paragraph 2(3) of the Schedule to the draft order, which excludes from the scope of the order the carriage or haulage of goods by a company which carries goods exclusively for another company or other companies associated with it, is too wide in that its effect will be to exclude not only those undertakings at present so engaged which operate solely on "C" licences but also similar undertakings which operate on "A" or "B" licences.