

PRESS RELEASE



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Despite the weather conditions, Eurotunnel Shuttles operate

Since this morning (Saturday 19 December 2009) the Channel Tunnel, managed by Eurotunnel, has been fully open to Shuttles transporting cars and trucks.

Throughout the last 24 hours, whilst working hard to recover and tow several Eurostar trains, Eurotunnel and its teams took on and transported across the Channel more than 2,000 vehicles with their passengers* when other operators and transport providers were temporarily unable to do so.

Eurotunnel put in place measures such as clearing of snow, rolling stock preparation and mobilisation of personnel to ensure that traffic was able to circulate freely on the terminals in Coquelles (Pas-de-Calais, France) and Folkestone (Kent), and that Shuttle loading operations and their transit through the North and South Tunnels remained possible.

At the request of the Civil Authorities in France, due to road conditions, the carriage of HGV traffic is was earlier suspended from the UK to France whilst still continuing from France to the UK.

Eurotunnel notes that any deterioration in weather conditions and the resultant road conditions may mean that customers could be advised to change their travel plans.

** Situation at 14:00 CET on Saturday 19 December*