

DFDS CEO Torben Carlsen speaks - vlog 20

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Good afternoon from Copenhagen.

Friday, the end of a very rough week where we said goodbye to 650 colleagues on Monday, two hundred have already been informed.

The rest are now going through consultations, which is an unfortunate, uncertain period.

But as I also explained in the webcast on Monday, these are necessary measures to keep DFDS safe for the long run.

I appreciate all the support everybody has offered in this connection.

We have during this week also had positive news.

As you all know, we started passenger travel from Oslo to Copenhagen again last week, and this week we have now been informed that Norwegians can travel to Denmark without staying overnight, which has given a significant boost to the passenger bookings we've seen the last days.

That's very encouraging and means that the new concept, the new set up, the new manning levels that we have put in place, is a sustainable set up.

We have also seen, as I mentioned before, a recovery of freight volumes and this is continuing without, of course, being back to pre Covid-19 levels. It means we have added another vessel in Turkey.

We have entered Calais Seaways back in service on the Channel, also in anticipation of England lifting their quarantine regulations between England and France, meaning that we should see and have seen passengers starting booking on our Channel service.

Both very encouraging developments.

Many of you are preparing for vacation. So I wish all of you who go on vacation, a good vacation.

I know it's going to be different than many other years, less traveling, I suspect, but nonetheless it will be good to have time with your family and loved ones. For those who cannot go on vacation because you have to service our freight and passenger customers, thank you for your effort. And time will also come for you for vacation later.

Have a good end of the day and enjoy the weekend, talk soon.