

Bosses must increase wages to end 'crippling' supply chain crisis



GMB has today demanded bosses must increase wages and improve terms and conditions to deal with the supply issues crippling the UK economy.

Andy Prendergast, GMB National Secretary, said:

“These crippling shortages were predicted as soon as the Brexit referendum was settled.

“Covid has made things worse, but basically this Government buried its head for the last five years and now we are feeling the result.



"But we now have a long-overdue opportunity to improve pay and conditions across all sectors of the economy.



"Workers are quite rightly jumping at the opportunity to leave bad-paying jobs to get more cash down the road.

"Knee jerk reactions like those suggested by the Institute of Directors - weakening legislation on driver hours and reducing visa restrictions - will do more harm than good in the long term, creating health and safety problems and breeding resentment.

"GMB will be submitting claims for significant rises right across the economy.

"That's the only way we can stop our shelves running empty and factories standing idle - as well as giving business the certainty it needs.

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