

T&G response to EU migration curbs

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Commenting on the curbs on the right to work in the UK to be imposed on workers from Bulgaria and Romania, T&G deputy general secretary Jack Dromey said: "The government must take care that they do not introduce restrictions that cause confusion and fuel discrimination. While workers from Romania and Bulgaria will be free to travel to the UK and live here, just as their fellow members of the EU can, their right to work here and protection under the law will be restricted.

"This sends a message says that it is ok to discriminate against workers from Bulgaria and Romania, which may make these workers very attractive to unscrupulous employers who want scared, compliant labour who don't complain when they are not paid the minimum wage and won't call the authorities when they are forced to work in unsafe situations.

"It is unchecked discrimination and abuse by rogue employers, not workers from the EU, which are lowering the standards for all workers in this country. As we look ahead to a Europe where workers will be free to live and work where they choose, government must think carefully about how workers in this country are protected equally, not divided according to nationality and skills."