

# Ferry company calls for 'refocused' attention on pay and conditions

A leading ferry company is urging the [Government](#) to “refocus” attention on improving pay and working conditions on the [English](#) Channel.

Brittany Ferries said ministers should drive forward a Seafarers Remuneration Bill.

The ferry company said it fears the state of the economy has pushed legislation off the Government’s priorities list.

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Christophe Mathieu, chief executive of Brittany Ferries, said: “We welcomed former transport secretary Grant Shapps’ determination to drive up standards in the ferry sector and to set minimum wage requirements for ferry workers.

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“Now we urge the new Transport Secretary [Anne-Marie Trevelyan](#) to take up the baton with the same vigour.

“As a business we want a level playing field for all seafarers, but as a society we must not allow companies to behave without regard for the well-being of key workers.”

Brittany Ferries operates on the Western Channel, via [Portsmouth](#), [Poole](#) and Plymouth in the UK. It sails to five destinations in France and two in northern Spain.

The company operates under the French flag regulatory regime, which it says means strong wages and good working conditions for all its seafarers.