

# **Inland transport: abolition of discrimination in transport rates and conditions (amend. Regulation No 11, in implementation Art. 79(3) TEC)**

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The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Paolo **COSTA** (ALDE, PT) amending, under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure, the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation No 11 concerning the abolition of discrimination in transport rates and conditions, in implementation of Article 79(3) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs -Transport aspects.

The Conference of Presidents of 5 July 2007 decided to authorise the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee and the Transport and Tourism Committee to draw up one legislative report each on the basis of the Commission proposal. Based on the decision of the Conference of Presidents, the Committee on Transport and Tourism requested the division of the two legislative proposals in order to proceed to the adoption of the proposal on Regulation 11 without amending the regulation on hygiene of foodstuffs.

As the Commission's proposal contains provisions on two legislative acts with a different nature, i.e. Transport (EEC Regulation No 11) and Hygiene of foodstuffs (EC Regulation No

852/2004), the proposed amendments aim to delete the relevant provisions related to the hygiene of foodstuffs. The only condition that has to be respected is not to amend the provisions proposed by the Commission on the Regulation 11. This will provide the desirable objective which is the swift adoption of the Regulation 11, and hence the economic benefits of this proposal in a very quick short term period.