

Statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road: implementing powers conferred on the Commission

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PURPOSE: adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny of Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission (comitology).

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: the purpose of the adaptation is to introduce the new regulatory procedure with scrutiny in Regulation (EC) No 1172/98, as provided for in Article 5a of Decision 1999/468/EC as amended (reform of comitology procedures).

The Commission has carefully examined all the instruments adopted under the codecision procedure in order to identify those which permit the Commission to adopt measures of general scope designed to amend non-essential elements of the basic instrument in question. The Commission has identified more than 200 instruments that should be adjusted. Some of these instruments come under the Commission's codification programme. Among these is Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road.

In this connection, under Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 the Commission is authorised to adapt the data collection characteristics and the contents of the Annexes and to lay down the minimum precision requirements for the statistical returns transmitted by the Member States and the implementing procedures for that Regulation, including measures for adapting it to economic and technical progress. Since these measures of general scope are designed to amend non-essential elements of the Regulation in question or to supplement it by the addition of new non-essential elements, they must be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny provided for in Article 5a of Decision 1999/468/EC.