

Access to the international market for coach and bus services. Recast

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The Commission considers that the common position, adopted by qualified majority, reflects the main objectives of its proposal and can therefore support it.

As the Parliament has proposed in its first reading, the common position deletes the references to "repeated minor infringements". The Commission can accept this stepwise approach on the registers. In the common position as well as in the first reading of the Parliament, the reference to working time as mandatory rules applicable to cabotage has been deleted; the Commission can accept this proposal.

The other amendments of the Parliament were not included in the common position. This is due in part also to the short time limit between the adoption of the first reading and the political agreement.

Of these amendments which have not been included in the common position, would have been acceptable or acceptable in principle for the Commission among others those on the duration of the application procedure, on the journey form or on the possibility to impose fines.

The Commission could also accept in principle and with a reformulation in order not to put into question the road safety, the amendments concerning the reintroduction of the "12 days rule" in the legislation on driving and rest times.

Other amendments which were not acceptable or not acceptable in the proposed wording for the Commission have not been included in the common position:

- on the introduction of a differentiation between different kinds of international regular passenger services;
- the deletion of the possibility for the Member State to suspend or to withdraw an authorisation in case it seriously affects the viability of a public service contract;
- the widening of the permission of local excursion;
- the reference to the posting of workers directive as rules applicable to cabotage.