

# Carriage of goods by road: statistical returns.

## Recast

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**PURPOSE:** recasting of Council Regulation (EC) 1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Regulation (EU) No 70/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road.

**CONTENT:** the Council adopted a recast of the 1998 regulation on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road. The recast aligns the regulation with the Lisbon treaty as regards delegation of powers to the Commission, whilst bringing together the amendments made to the regulation over time in a single legal act.

According to the Regulation, each Member State shall compile statistics for the Union on the carriage of goods by road by means of goods road transport vehicles which are registered in that Member State, and on the journeys made by such vehicles.

Each Member State may exclude from the scope of this Regulation goods road transport vehicles whose load capacity or maximum permissible weight is lower than a certain limit. This limit may not exceed a load capacity of 3,5 tonnes or maximum permissible weight of 6 tonnes in the case of single motor vehicles.

This Regulation shall not apply to Malta, so long as the number of Maltese-registered goods road transport vehicles licensed to engage in the international carriage of goods by road does not exceed 400 vehicles.

For that purpose, Malta shall submit annually to Eurostat the number of goods road transport vehicles licensed to engage in the international carriage of goods by road at the latest by the end of March following the year to which the number of goods road transport vehicles relates

Statistical results in respect of the carriage of goods by road shall be disseminated no later than 12 months after the end of the period to which the results relate.

By 31 December 2014 and every 3 years thereafter, the Commission shall submit a report on the implementation of this Regulation to the European Parliament and to the Council. That report shall evaluate in particular the quality of the statistical data transmitted, the data collection methods as well as the administrative burdens on the Member States and on the respondents. The report shall, if appropriate, be accompanied by proposals for modifying the list of variables, taking into account the findings of related projects, in particular those on air pollution emissions caused by the carriage of goods by road.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 23/02/2012.

**DELEGATED ACTS:** in order to take account of economic and technical developments, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission.

The power to adopt delegated acts shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of 5 years from 23 February 2012. It shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European

Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than 3 months before the end of each period. The delegation of power may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. The delegated act shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of 2 months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and to the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object.