

Statistics of goods transport by inland waterways. Codification

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PURPOSE: to codify Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistics of goods transport by inland waterways.

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

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 has been substantially amended several times. On 1 April 1987, the Commission decided to instruct its staff that all acts should be codified after no more than ten amendments, stressing that this is a minimum requirement. The Conclusions of the Presidency of the Edinburgh European Council (December 1992) confirmed this, stressing the importance of codification.

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed, by an interinstitutional agreement of 20 December 1994, that an accelerated procedure may be used for the fast-track adoption of codification instruments.

CONTENT: in the interests of clarity and rationality, the purpose of this proposal is to **undertake a codification of Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council** of 6 September 2006 on statistics of goods transport by inland waterways and repealing Council Directive 80/1119/EEC.

The proposed new Regulation shall **supersede the various acts incorporated in it**; it proposal fully preserves the content of the acts being codified and hence does no more than bring them together with only such formal amendments as are required by the codification exercise itself.

The main elements of the proposed codified text are as follows:

Subject matter: the proposal establishes **common rules for the production of European statistics** concerning inland waterways transport. It shall enable the Commission to have statistics concerning the transport of goods by inland waterways in order to monitor and develop the common transport policy, as well as the transport elements of policies on the regions and on trans-European networks.

Scope: Member States in which the total volume of goods transported annually by inland waterways as national, international or transit transport **exceeds 1 000 000 tonnes** shall supply the data in accordance with the tables in Annexes I to IV to the Regulation.

The effect of this Regulation is limited to those Member States where inland waterway transport exists.

Pilot studies: the Commission shall ensure that pilot studies are carried out on the availability of statistical data on passenger transport by inland waterways, including cross-border transport services. The Union shall contribute to the cost of implementing these pilot studies.

Implementation: the Commission may adopt:

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- **implementing acts** on data transmission procedures and developing and publishing criteria and methodological requirements to ensure the quality of the data produced;
- **delegated acts** to amend the Regulation on increasing the threshold of 1 million tonnes of statistical coverage of inland waterway transport, to adapt the definitions and to adapt the Annexes in order to take account of economic and technical changes affecting definitions adopted at international level.