Use of vehicles hired without drivers for the carriage of goods by road

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The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Cláudia MONTEIRO DE AGUIAR (EPP, PT) on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/1/EC on the use of vehicles hired without drivers for the carriage of goods by road.

As a reminder, the proposal aims at enabling companies to take greater advantage of the use of vehicles rented without a driver for the carriage of goods by road. It is part of the 'Europe on the move' package of clean, competitive and connected mobility proposed by the European Commission. The competent committee has recommended that the position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading in the framework of the ordinary legislative procedure amend the Commission proposal.

Use of hired vehicles: Members considered that Member States should not be allowed to restrict the use on their respective territories of a vehicle hired by an undertaking duly established on the territory of another Member State, provided that the vehicle is registered and complies with operating standards and safety requirements.

However, Member States should have the option of limiting, within their respective territories, the length of time an established undertaking can use a hired vehicle registered or put into circulation in another Member State.

Furthermore, the Member State of establishment of the undertaking may limit the number of hired vehicles that can be used by any undertaking, provided that they allow the use of at least a number of vehicles corresponding to 25% of the overall goods vehicle fleet owned by the undertaking; or, in the case an undertaking that has an overall fleet of less than four vehicles, the use at least one such hired vehicle.

National electronic register: the information on a hired vehicle´s registration number shall be entered in the national electronic register as defined in Regulation (EC) 1071/2009.

Report: the implementation and effects of the directive should be monitored by the Commission and reported no later than 3 years after the date of transposition.