

# **International road passenger transport services by coach and bus in border regions: cabotage operations between Germany and Switzerland**

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The European Parliament adopted by 676 votes to 1, with 13 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council empowering Germany to amend its existing bilateral road transport agreement with Switzerland with a view to authorising cabotage operations in the course of international road passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions between the two countries.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure. It requested that the Decision be based on Article 91 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The proposed decision would empower Germany to amend its bilateral road transport agreement with Switzerland of 17 December 1953 in order to authorise cabotage operations in the border regions of Germany and Switzerland in the course of the provision of road passenger transport services by coach and bus between the two countries, provided that there is no discrimination between carriers established in the Union and that there is no distortion of competition.

Cabotage transport would be allowed only in the border regions of Germany specified in the text of the proposed decision - the administrative districts of Freiburg and Tübingen in Baden-Württemberg and the administrative district of Swabia in Bavaria - for the provision of coach and bus services between Germany and Switzerland. This would strengthen the close integration of these border regions.

The proposed decision follows a request from Germany sent on 11 May 2017 and concerns only this Member State.