

Road transport, national and international traffic: maximum dimensions and weights

2000/0060(COD) - 27/09/2001 - Council position

The common position accepted, to the letter or in spirit, the three amendments put forward by the European Parliament: - a new article has been added which explicitly excludes buses with more than one articulated section from the scope of the Directive. - the period of Grandfather Rights has been extended from an expiry date of 31/12/2009 to 31/12/2020; - point 1.5a of annex I has been revised and now prescribes a different manoeuvrability test that must be met by 15m buses. This reflects the new manoeuvrability criteria accepted by the Member States in the course of UN-ECE technical specifications; - a new article has been added giving a time limited derogation of 3 years to named Portugal and the United Kingdom regarding the obligation to accept 15m buses on their territory with the revised manoeuvrability criteria; - a new article requires the Commission to undertake a study reviewing the feasibility of introducing a stricter manoeuvrability test.