Road transport, organisation of working time: mobile workers and self-employed drivers

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The Commission has introduced amendments which were put forward by the Parliament, which the Commission indicated it would accept, namely those relating to: - exluding self-employed drivers from the provisons of this Directive for a three year period starting from the end date for transposition of the directive in line with the Commission's communication on this issue; - providing a fuller elaboration of what constitutes working time; - to clarify what is meant by advance notification; - to specify what is meant by a self-employed driver; - to place the onus on employer and employee alike; - to delete the provisions on shorter hours and correspondingly longer reference periods; - to clarify the system of keeping records. Lastly, a new recitals has been added which points out that both employed and self-employed drivers will continue to be subject to the provisons of Regulation 3820/85/EEC of 31 December 1985 concerning driving times and rest periods, which regulate a major element in driver's working time. On the basis of a forthcoming proposal of the Commission, this Regulation will be modified to establish enhanced regime.