

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

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The European Commission could accept in part or in full some of the twenty amendments proposed by the European Parliament relating to working time for mobile workers performing road transport activities. Those amendments which would have undermined the Common Position of the Council - specifically the inclusion of self-employed drivers into the scope of the Directive - have been rejected by the Commission. Similarly, Parliamentary amendments dealing with concepts of working time and night work are considered incompatible with the common position and therefore are not included. The Commission does however accept the following amendments: - an amendment clarifying the location of the undertaking; - an amendment further clarifying the definition of a 'self-employed driver'; - an amendment extending the records of the working time for mobile workers to two years at the end of the period covered; - amendments increasing the social protection of mobile workers; - a proposal to allow two years for the transposition of the Directive; and lastly, - an amendment defining contractual obligations to ensure the adequate implementation of the Directive.