Vehicles hired without drivers: use for the carriage of goods by road (repeal. Directive 84 /647/EEC). Codification

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PURPOSE : to codify Directive 84/647/EEC on the use of vehicles hired without drivers for the carriage of goods by road. PROPOSED ACT : Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council. CONTENT : In order to clarify and simplify Community law, the Commission decided, on 01/04/87, to instruct its staff that all legislative acts should be codified after no more than ten amendments, stressing that this is a minimum requirement and that departments should endeavour to codify at even shorter intervals the texts for which they are responsible. The Conclusions of the Presidency of the Edinburgh European Council (December 1992) confirmed this, stressing the importance of codification as it offers certainty as to the law applicable to a given matter at a given time. Codification must be undertaken in full compliance with the normal Community legislative procedure. Given that no changes of substance may be made to the instruments affected by codification, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission have agreed, by an interinsitutional agreement dated 20 December 1994, that an accelerated procedure may be used for the fast-track adoption of codification instruments. The purpose of this proposal is to undertake a codification of Council Directive 84/647/EEC of 19 December 1984 on the use of vehicles hired without drivers for the carriage of goods by road3. The new Directive will supersede the various acts incorporated in it; this proposal fully preserves the content of the acts being codified and hence does no more than bring them together with only such formal amendments as are required by the codification exercise itself. The codification proposal was drawn up on the basis of a preliminary consolidation, in all official languages, of Directive 84/647/EEC and the instruments amending it, carried out by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, by means of a data-processing system. Where the Articles have been given new numbers, the correlation between the old and the new numbers is shown in a table contained in Annex II to the codified Directive.