EC/Romania agreement: road and combined goods transport, road transit

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PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement between the European Community and Romania establishing certain conditions for the carriage of goods by road and the promotion of Combined Transport. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2002/409/EC concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Romania establishing certain conditions for the carriage of goods by road and the promotion of combined transport. CONTENT: in the context of the completion of the internal market and the implementation of the common transport policy, it is essential for the Community to ensure that Community goods in transit through Romania, can flow as quickly as possible and efficiently as possible. The conclusion of the Agreement also contributes to the smooth functioning of the internal market because it will promote transit traffic through Romania for internal transport between Greece and the other Member States and thus enable intra-Community trade to be conducted at the least possible cost to the public at large and to reduce to a a minimum the administrative and technical obstacles which affect it. The conclusion of the Agreement also promotes combined transport, with a view to protecting the environment. Against this background, the scope of the Agreement covers four main areas as follows: 1) market access for transit traffic in the field of transport of good by road; 2) legal and administrative supporting measures including commercial, taxation, social and technical measures; 3) co-operation in developing a transport system which, inter-alia, meets environmental needs; 4) a regular exchange of information on the development of transport policies of the Contracting Parties. Other provisions in the proposed Agreement relate to supporting measures, road transport, access to market, fiscal provisions, social provisions, technical provisions, simplification of formalities and widening of the scope of the Agreement. With regard to the authorisations in particular, for each calendar year it is proposed to grant access to transit traffic by goods vehicles through the territories of the Member States of the Community and Romania by means of authorisations as follows: - the Community will receive 14000 authorisations valid in Romania; - Romania will receive 7000 authorisations valid in the Member States of the Community for which adhesive stamps are attached; - Romania will receive 3000 adhesive stamps for each Member State of the Community. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01/06/2002.