

Transport operator: mutual recognition of diplomas, free establishment

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The report by Maria BERGER (PES, A) on admission to the occupation of road haulage operator and road passenger transport operator and mutual recognition of qualifications was unanimously adopted by the Legal Affairs Committee with some amendments. In the light of the findings of the Committee of Inquiry concerning fraud in the Community transit system, the rapporteur insisted that the conditions for access to the profession of road haulage operator should include a knowledge of the transit system. In addition, infringements of the rules of the transit system may constitute grounds for a ban from practising as a road haulage operator. Other amendments seek to ensure that the financial standing of operators is stronger and that account is taken of the arrival of the euro on 1st January 1999.