

Admission of non-resident carriers to national road passenger transport services

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OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a regulation is intended to establish conditions under which non-resident carriers may operate national road passenger transport services with a Member State (cabotage). The main aim is the freedom to provide transport services, eliminating all discrimination against non-resident carriers on grounds of nationality or place of establishment. **SUBSTANCE:** The proposal lays down conditions of access to the market so that cabotage operations may be allowed for the following services: - all special regular services; - all occasional services; - two forms of cabotage have been provided for regular services: . regular cabotage in the course of a regular international service in compliance with Regulation 92/684/EEC; . acceptance of regular cabotage services: for this type of cabotage transport, the Member States are obliged to apply the existing laws, regulations and administrative provisions in force in the host Member State regarding the routes to be operated and the regularity, continuity and frequency of services; all these provisions must be applied under the same conditions as are imposed on national carriers so as to rule out any discrimination against non-resident carriers on the grounds of their nationality or place of establishment: it is also stipulated that any compensation for public service obligations must be paid to all the Community operators concerned; - the proposal makes cabotage in the course of international transport services subject to authorization, issued by the competent authorities of the host Member State.