Common rules for international carriage by coach and bus (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 684 /92)

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The Commission's amended proposal retains 9 of the 26 amendments proposed by Parliament at first reading. The Commission has accepted the amendments on: - the general principle of the liberalization of international carriage of passengers in tandem with the phased harmonization of the socio-economic, fiscal and technical conditions governing road passenger transport within the Member States and alongside measures to ensure non-discriminatory conditions for operators; - the simplification of administrative procedures for the issuing of the Community licence; - the exclusion of urban and suburban services from the scope of the Regulation on international carriage; - the accessibility of transport systems; - the definition of occasional services and own-account transport operations; - the use of additional vehicles. It has rejected the amendments on - introducing new definitions and new principles for transport policy; - introducing the Community licence for own-account transport; - excluding commuter transport from the scope of the Regulation; - extending the scope of the Regelation to taxis or to third countries; - restricting access for occasional services and special regular services to international transport; - introducing inappropriate social standards; - introducing a discriminatory authorization scheme. The Commission has also rejected the proposed dates for submission of a report by the commission and for the implementation of the Regulation, as well as the amendment on codification.