Community Customs Code: external transit procedure

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OBJECTIVE: to amend Regulation 2913/92/EEC establishing the Community Customs Code (Transit). CONTENT: the proposal for a directive concerns the following aspects: - the scope of external transit for Community goods: without removing every possibility for using external transit in connection with the export of Community goods, its definition should be entrusted to the committee procedure; - agreeing the transit scheme: one needs to define this concept, which is necessary for an effective management of the scheme; - exemption from guarantee: shipping routes should be removed from cases of general exemption from the guarantee, so that in such cases the guarantee would no longer be the exception and items dispatched by scheduled shipping routes would be treated similarly to those sent by road; - the responsibility of the carrier and consignee: it is proposed to remove that provision which states that any carrier or consignee who knows that the goods in question are in a transit procedure is obliged to produce the said goods at the customs office of destination and to comply with the identification measures, in addition to the obligations appropriate to the principal obligor; - the national or bilateral/multilateral simplifications put in place by the Member States: it is recommended that these simplifications be reintegrated into the Community framework of measures; - guarantee of fees and other transit duties: it seems necessary to reserve, under Article 192 of the Code, the special case of obligatory guarantee under the transit procedure; - the place of origin of the debt and the competent authority for consideration of the customs debt: a new wording is being proposed for this provision.