

# **Transport operator: mutual recognition of diplomas, free establishment**

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The European Commission's amended proposal took account of the European Parliament's amendments concerning the following points: - including the combat of fraud and a criteria for assessing repeated minor offences in the provisions of good repute; - harmonising the concept of 'capital and reserves' for assessing financial standing in accordance with Directive 78/660/EEC; - allowing national authorities under certain conditions to delay assessment of an undertaking's financial standing for up to one year; - equating certain offences detected between resident and non-resident transport operators. The Commission could not accept the amendments that: - referred, in particular, to offences involving the transport of live animals in the provisions of good repute; - referred to an administrative conviction in the provisions of good repute; - changed the transitional period for Austria, Finland and Sweden to take account of the fact that they were members of the EEA; - required candidates for professional exams to have a detailed knowledge of a particular area of customs legislation.