

Excisable products: computerised intra-Community movement system

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The Commission welcomes the Council's endorsement of the original proposal's general thrust. The Commission considers that the common position constitutes an acceptable compromise but regrets that the Parliament's amendment were not taken on board more fully. The Commission is nevertheless convinced that a common position can be reached by the Council and Parliament. To this end, the Commission has presented in its amendment proposal a compromise text aiming to reconcile the two institutions approaches. It should be noted that the Commission and the Council made three joint statements for the minutes, annexed to this communication. The first statement underlines the fact that the proposal for a decision is not a fiscal nature, which is why it was presented on the basis of Article 95. The statement also notes that any tax provision relating to the use of the computerised system would require the adoption of amendment to Council Directive 92/12/EEC. The second statement notes that as much as the new computerised transit system as possible should be reused when the Community components of the system are being developed. The third statement explains that instruments for the use of data to combat fraud must comply with national legislation in this field.