

National and international inland waterway transport: systems of chartering and pricing

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OBJECTIVE: the establishment at Community level of common provisions for the whole of the inland waterways market so that the undertakings concerned can benefit fully from the opportunities offered by the single market. There is a need to adjust the organization of chartering by rotation so as to move towards greater commercial flexibility and a system of totally free transactions by 1 January 2000.

COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 96/75/EC on the systems of chartering and pricing in national and international inland waterway transport in the Community. **SUBSTANCE:** the directive provides for the disappearance by 1 January 2000 at the latest of the system of minimum compulsory tariffs and systems of chartering by rotation. In the event of serious disturbance in the inland waterway transport market, the Commission may on its own initiative or at the request of a Member State take measures designed to prevent any new increase in the transport capacity on offer on the market in question. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 30/11/1996 **DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION:** 01/01/1997