

Road transport: distribution of permits for heavy goods vehicles travelling in Switzerland

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In adopting the report by Mr Pedro APARICIO SANCHEZ (PES, E) on heavy goods vehicles travelling in Switzerland, the European Parliament approves the proposal for the allocation of permits for European heavy goods vehicles on Swiss territory. However, it called for the permits to be granted according to certain criteria which take into consideration the existing freight transport flows and genuine transport needs in the Alpine region. From the Parliament's point of view, it also wishes to change the distribution dates of permits: these should be distributed before 15 August of the preceding year instead of 15 November. As for those permits which are not allocated, the Member States should allow them to reach the Commission before 15 September maximum, instead of 15 November, as foreseen in the proposal. Lastly, the European Parliament made important changes of a comitology nature to the Commission's proposal by calling for more information from the European Parliament on the work done by the committee assisting the Commission.