Basic information

1995/0106(SYN) SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
Transport of goods by inland waterway: freedom to provide services **Subject** 2.40 Free movement of services, freedom to provide 3.20.04 Inland waterway transport	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	LE RACHINEL Fernand (NI)	18/07/1995

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	LE RACHINEL Fernand (NI)	18/07/1995

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	1902	1996-01-29
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	1942	1996-07-08
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	1870	1995-09-28

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
28/09/1994	Additional information		Summary
10/05/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0167	Summary
16/06/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/09/1995	Debate in Council		Summary
31/10/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
31/10/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0268/1995	
29/01/1996	Council position published	11499/2/1995	Summary
14/03/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
28/05/1996	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary

28/05/1996	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0170/1996	
05/06/1996	Debate in Parliament		Summary
08/07/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
08/07/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/07/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0106(SYN)
Procedure type	SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 075
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/4/07527

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0268/1995 OJ C 323 04.12.1995, p. 0005	31/10/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0531/1995 OJ C 323 04.12.1995, p. 0025-0030	15/11/1995	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0170/1996 OJ C 181 24.06.1996, p. 0003	28/05/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0312/1996 OJ C 181 24.06.1996, p. 0011-0018	06/06/1996	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council position	11499/2/1995 OJ C 087 25.03.1996, p. 0053	29/01/1996	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1995)0167 OJ C 164 30.06.1995, p. 0009	10/05/1995	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1996)0335	28/02/1996	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0966/1995 OJ C 301 13.11.1995, p. 0019	13/09/1995	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 1996/1356
OJ L 175 13.07.1996, p. 0007 Summary

Transport of goods by inland waterway: freedom to provide services

1995/0106(SYN) - 15/11/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Adopting the report by Mr Fernand LE RACHINEL (NI, F), the European Parliament approved the proposal without amendment.

Transport of goods by inland waterway: freedom to provide services

1995/0106(SYN) - 13/09/1995 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The ESC could not but approve the proposal for a regulation, as not only was it necessary to comply with the Court of Justice decision but it was also consistent with the principle of freedom to provide services, which the Committee had supported in numerous Opinions dealing with other transport modes.

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1995/0106(SYN) - 28/02/1996 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission accepted Council's amendments clarifying the conditions of access to transport by inland waterway between Member States and urged Parliament to approve it.

Transport of goods by inland waterway: freedom to provide services

1995/0106(SYN) - 10/05/1995 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to establish freedom to provide transport services between Member States. CONTENT: 1. Scope of the regulation: the regulation applies to the transport of passengers or goods by inland waterway between and through Member States. 2. Eligibility criteria: in order to effect the transport operations referred to in the regulation, owners of vessels must: * be established in a Member State in accordance with the laws of that state; * be entitled to provide international passenger or goods transport services by inland waterway in that state; * use vessels for the transport operations in question which are registered in a Member State or, if there is no register, which are covered by a certificate of membership of the fleet of a Member State. 3. Special provisions govern the rights of third country carriers under the revised Convention for the Navigation of the Rhine (Mannheim Convention), the Convention on Navigation on the Danube (Belgrade Convention) and the international obligations of the European Community. Source: European Commission - Info92 - 10/95

Transport of goods by inland waterway: freedom to provide services

1995/0106(SYN) - 29/01/1996

The Council adopted - by a qualified majority, with the German delegation voting against - a common position which will be forwarded to the European Parliament for a second reading, in the context of the cooperation procedure.

Transport of goods by inland waterway: freedom to provide services

1995/0106(SYN) - 29/01/1996 - Council position

The Council's common position made a number of changes to the original proposal: - the Council established a parallel with Regulation (EEC) No 3921 /91 by adding a provision stating that the owner of the vessel used for a transport operation between Member States and in transit through them must be a national of a Member State and have his domicile in one of those states; - the international conventions and obligations entered into by the Community will not be affected by the proposed Regulation (the Council deleted the reference to a group of third countries).

Transport of goods by inland waterway: freedom to provide services

1995/0106(SYN) - 08/07/1996 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to contribute to the completion of the internal market for transport by inland waterway. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 96/1356 on common rules applicable to the transport of goods or passengers by inland waterway between Member States with a view to establishing freedom to provide such transport services. SUBSTANCE: the Regulation provides a legal guarantee for free access to inland waterways for transport companies in the Member States of the Community between and through Member States. The Regulation does not affect the existing rights of third-country operators under the revised Convention for the Navigation of the Rhine (Mannheim Convention), the Convention on Navigation on the Danube (Belgrade Convention) or the rights arising from the European Community's international obligations. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 2 August 1996.

Transport of goods by inland waterway: freedom to provide services

1995/0106(SYN) - 28/09/1995

The Council held a policy debate on the proposal for a regulation to introduce Community rules on access to transport between Member States to ensure application of the principles of freedom to provide services within the Community. The Regulation is necessary to ensure freedom to provide services in this area as a consequence of the accession of Austria , which is bound by bilateral conventions with two other Member States, Germany and the Netherlands , as regards inland waterway transport. At the end of the debate the President noted a consensus broadly in favour of the proposal. The Permanent Representatives Committee will continue discussions with a view to the adoption of a common position as soon as the European Parliament has delivered its opinion.

Transport of goods by inland waterway: freedom to provide services

1995/0106(SYN) - 06/06/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

The report by Mr Fernand LE RACHINEL (NI/F) adopted by Parliament approved the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a regulation on common rules applicable to the transport of goods or passengers by inland waterway between Member States with a view to establishing freedom to provide such transport services.