Basic information

1999/0266(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
EC/Bulgaria agreement: road and combined goods transport **Subject** 3.20.15.04 Road transport agreements and cooperation **Geographical area** Bulgaria	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	HATZIDAKIS Konstantinos (PPE-DE)	26/01/2000

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2339	2001-03-19

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/12/1999	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0666	Summary
21/08/2000	Legislative proposal published	05947/2000	
08/09/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/10/2000	Vote in committee		
11/10/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0278/2000	
25/10/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0460/2000	Summary
19/03/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/03/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		

18/04/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1999/0266(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0278/2000 OJ C 197 12.07.2001, p. 0007	11/10/2000	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0460/2000 OJ C 197 12.07.2001, p. 0108-0171	25/10/2000	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	05947/2000	21/08/2000	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	COM(1999)0666 OJ C 089 28.03.2000, p. 0051	10/12/1999	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2001/0265
OJ L 108 18.04.2001, p. 0004 Summary

EC/Bulgaria agreement: road and combined goods transport

1999/0266(AVC) - 10/12/1999 - Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to conclude the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria establishing certain conditions for the carriage of goods by road and the promotion of Combined Transport. CONTENT : the draft Agreement aims mainly to resolve the problem of road goods transport relations between Greece and the other Member States, in particular through the mutual exchange of road transit authorizations. This draft Agreement provides that the Community will receive annually 13,000 authorizations from Bulgaria. Each single authorization is valid for one return transit journey. The distribution of these authorizations among Member States, who will be responsable for issuing them to their hauliers, is the subject of a separate Council Regulation (refer to document procedure COD/1999/0267). In return, Bulgaria, as well as Hungary, will receive from the Community annually 6,000 "blank" authorizations valid for a return transit journey, as well as 3,000 adhesive stamps for each Member State. On each "blank" authorization, the haulier of the partner State would have to validate beforehand the choice of transit route (i.e. the individual Member States transited on a journey) by attaching the adhesive stamp(s) for the relevant Member State(s) whose stamp is affixed to the authorization on both outward and return parts of the journey. All authorizations and adhesive stamps will be supplied by the services of the Commission to both Member and partner States, who will issue them to their hauliers at a charge so as to cover reasonable administrative expenses. The use of the authorization can only be used by vehicles complying at least with Euro I standards. The draft Agreement is concluded for a 5 year period which is renewable for another 3 years. As well as the principle of mutual exchange of transit authorizations, the draft Agreement lays down: - the conditions applicable to the transport of goods operations, mainly concerning the charges linked to transport operations (setting of non-discriminatory charges linked to infrastructure-use) and the use of the road infrastructures (setting of lower charges when the hauliers respect the EC norms of maximum weight allowed on the upgraded sections of Eastern European transit routes); - the principles of harmonisation of Bulgarian legislation on road transport with those of the Community (in particular, legislation on braking devices, sound levels and speed limitation devices); - the coordination of administrative aspects of road transport. In addition, this Agreement aims to favour combined transport in line with the applicable Community rules. It should also be noted that this Agreement shall become invalid when Bulgaria becomes a full Member of the European Union.

EC/Bulgaria agreement: road and combined goods transport

1999/0266(AVC) - 19/03/2001 - Final act

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EC/Bulgaria agreement: road and combined goods transport

1999/0266(AVC) - 25/10/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament resolution drafted by Mr Konstantinos HATZIDAKIS (EPP/ED, Gr) on the proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria was adopted without debate.