Basic information

2022/0200(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EU/Ukraine Agreement on the carriage of freight by road See also 2024/0290(NLE) **Subject** 3.20.05 Road transport: passengers and freight 3.20.15.04 Road transport agreements and cooperation **Geographical area** Ukraine **Legislative priorities** EU support to Ukraine	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	MARINESCU Marian-Jean (EPP)	17/05/2022
	Shadow rapporteur GHEORGHE Vlad (Renew) ZĪLE Roberts (ECR)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Mobility and Transport	VĂLEAN Adina

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
		COM(2022)0308	Summary

17/06/2022	Preparatory document		
26/07/2022	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
27/07/2022	Legislative proposal published	11050/2022	Summary
12/09/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/10/2022	Vote in committee		
27/10/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0263/2022	
10/11/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0376/2022	Summary
10/11/2022	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/12/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2022/0200(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	See also 2024/0290(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 091 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/9/09372

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE735.775	02/09/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0263/2022	27/10/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0376/2022	10/11/2022	Summary

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Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	11050/2022	27/07/2022	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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Preparatory document	COM(2022)0308	17/06/2022	Summary

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2022/2435
OJ L 319 13.12.2022, p. 0005

Corrigendum to final act 32022D2435R(01)
OJ L 335 29.12.2022, p. 0114

EU/Ukraine Agreement on the carriage of freight by road

2022/0200(NLE) - 17/06/2022 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to approve the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: in view of the important disruptions in the transport sector in Ukraine caused by the war of aggression undertaken by Russia, it is necessary to find alternative routes by road for Ukraine to export its stocks of grain, fuel, foodstuffs and other relevant goods.

Given that permits granted in the framework of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) multilateral quota system within the International Transport Forum and existing bilateral agreements with Ukraine do not allow for the necessary flexibility for Ukrainian road haulage operators to increase and plan ahead their operations through and with the European Union, it is crucial to liberalise the transport of freight by road for bilateral operations as well as for transit.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to approve the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road.

The agreement aims at **temporarily facilitating the road transport of goods between and through the territories of the European Union and Ukraine** by granting additional transit and haulage rights between the Parties to carriers established in one of the Parties, taking into account the repercussions of the war of aggression waged by Russia against Ukraine and the significant disruption it is causing to the transport sector in the country.

The agreement also includes measures which aim to facilitate the **recognition of driver documents**. It provides for specific measures to exempt drivers from the requirement to present an international driving permit, recognise decisions taken by Ukraine to extend the administrative validity of driver documents and facilitate the exchange of information between the competent authorities of the two Parties with the aim of combatting fraud and forgery of driver documents.

This road transport agreement would therefore replace the existing bilateral transport agreements between the Member States and Ukraine and would facilitate the use of alternative road routes for transport operators, as bilateral operations and transit would be liberalised between the two parties.

EU/Ukraine Agreement on the carriage of freight by road

2022/0200(NLE) - 27/07/2022 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road was signed on 29 June 2022, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

In view of the important disruptions in the transport sector in Ukraine caused by the war of aggression undertaken by Russia, it is necessary to find alternative routes by road for Ukraine to export its stocks of grain, fuel, foodstuffs and other relevant goods.

Given that Member States' European Conference of Ministers of Transport permits and the bilateral agreements between Member States and Ukraine do not allow for the necessary flexibility for Ukrainian road haulage operators to increase and plan ahead their operations through and with the Union, it is crucial to liberalise the transport of freight by road for bilateral operations and transit.

Furthermore, Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has compromised the possibility for many Ukrainian drivers to follow the administrative procedures related to driver documents, such as international driving permit applications or the issuance of new driver documents in the event they are lost or stolen.

The agreement should be approved on behalf of the Union.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision is aimed at approving, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road.

The agreement aims at temporarily **facilitating the road transport of goods** between and through the territories of the European Union and Ukraine. It also includes measures which aim to **facilitate the recognition of driver documents**. It provides for specific measures to: (i) exempt drivers from the requirement to present an international driving permit, (ii) recognise decisions taken by Ukraine to extend the administrative validity of driver documents and (iii) facilitate the exchange of information between the competent authorities of the two Parties with the aim of combatting fraud and forgery of driver documents.

The **exercise of Union competence** pursuant to this Decision and the Agreement will be limited to the period of application of the Agreement. After the end of that period of application, the Union shall immediately cease to exercise that competence and the Member States shall again exercise their competence.

The exercise of Union competence pursuant to this Decision will be without prejudice to the competence of the Member States concerning any ongoing or future negotiations for, or signature or conclusion of, international agreements related to the carriage of goods by road with any other third country.

EU/Ukraine Agreement on the carriage of freight by road

2022/0200(NLE) - 10/11/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 586 votes to 1, with 7 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of goods by road.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

Road freight transport between the European Union and Ukraine is currently governed by two main mechanisms, namely the bilateral transport agreements between EU Member States and Ukraine and permits granted in the framework the ECMT multilateral quota system within the International Transport Forum. Both these mechanisms impose quotas on hauliers from both sides, regarding transit and bilateral trade.

Since the increased use of the number of transport operations by road compared to normal times would exceed the quotas set out in the bilateral agreements between Member States and Ukraine and given via the ECMT within the International Transport Forum, this Agreement on road transport between the European Union and Ukraine would therefore replace existing bilateral transport agreements between Member States and Ukraine and facilitate the use of alternative transport by road for operators, as bilateral operations and transit would be liberalised between the two Parties.

In addition, since the beginning of the Russian-led war against Ukraine, many Ukrainian drivers are no longer able to follow the administrative procedures related to driver documents such as international driving permit applications or issuances of new documents in the event of lost or stolen documents. This Agreement will enable the two Parties to address these issues under exceptional circumstances.

The Agreement provides for measures that:

- exempt drivers from the requirement to present an international driving permit;

- recognise decisions taken by Ukraine to extend the administrative validity of driver documents and;

- facilitate the exchange of information between the competent authorities of the two Parties with the aim of combatting fraud and forgery of driver documents.