

Carriage of goods by road: statistical returns. Recast

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The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Brian SIMPSON (S&D, UK) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road (recast). It recommended that the European Parliaments position at first reading, under the ordinary legislative procedure, should be to amend the Commission proposal. The main amendments are as follows: Delegated acts: the committee considered that the delegation of powers as proposed by the Commission is too broad and should be limited. Accordingly, it stipulated that the Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts concerning laying down the data collection characteristics and adopting amendments to the contents of Annexes I to VII, except any modifications to the optional nature of the required information, where necessary to take account of economic, social or technical developments. Furthermore In exercising its power pursuant to this provision, the Commission shall ensure that any delegated acts adopted do not impose significant additional administrative burdens on the Member States and on the respondents. In addition, Members stressed that: it is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level before adopting delegated acts regarding data collection characteristics and the contents of the Annexes and laying down the minimum precision requirements for the statistical returns transmitted by the Member States; when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, the Commission should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and Council; new wording is inserted on the time-limits of the delegation and exercise of the delegation, which aim to reflect a new standard wording on delegated acts. Implementing acts: several amendments aim to adjust provisions on implementing acts to Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by the Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers. Publication of results: a new clause states that the data shall be published no later than 12 months after the year and quarter that those data refer to. Annex: lastly, the committee made two amendments to the Annex regarding vehicle related variables.