

# **Railway transport: licensing of undertakings**

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Parliament amended the Council common position with four amendments basically seeking to: - amend the definition of railway undertaking by replacing the obligation for traction to be provided by the undertaking itself by the possibility of using traction equipment transferred or rented to it; - include the definition of urban, suburban and regional services; - specify that the authority or institution responsible for issuing licences and carrying out the obligations which derive from the directive must not be directly or indirectly linked with the railway undertaking in its country; - strengthen professional capacity requirements by stipulating that the railway undertaking should exercise safe, efficient supervision, that the staff responsible for safety must be properly qualified for the job and that the staff, rolling stock and organisation must all guarantee a high level of safety; The Commission accepted all these amendments.