

# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	1998/0226(COD) Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Combined transport of goods between Member States: common rules	
Subject 3.20.07 Combined transport, multimodal transport	

Key players			
European Parliament	Former committee responsible		
	<b>TRAN</b> Transport and Tourism		20/01/1999
		I-EDN <a href="#">VAN DAM Rijk</a>	
	Former committee for opinion		
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy</a>	<a href="#">2169</a>	29/03/1999
	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy</a>	<a href="#">2142</a>	30/11/1998
	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy</a>	<a href="#">2119</a>	01/10/1998

Key events			
10/07/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0414	Summary
14/09/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
01/10/1998	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2119</a>	
30/11/1998	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2142</a>	
20/01/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
20/01/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A4-0031/1999</a>	
11/02/1999	Debate in Parliament		
12/02/1999	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0122/1999	Summary
29/03/1999	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2169</a>	
28/07/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
28/07/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary confirming Parliament's position	<a href="#">A5-0005/1999</a>	
16/09/1999	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T5-0015/1999</a>	Summary

11/12/2001	End of procedure in Parliament	
11/12/2001	Additional information	Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/0226(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 071
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1998)0414	10/07/1998	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES1311/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 410 30.12.1998, p. 0016</a>	15/10/1998	ESC	
Committee draft report		PE228.431/REV	17/12/1998	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0031/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 150 28.05.1999, p. 0004</a>	20/01/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0122/1999 <a href="#">OJ C 150 28.05.1999, p. 0611-0617</a>	12/02/1999	EP	Summary
Reconsultation		SEC(1999)0581	28/04/1999	EC	
Committee final report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0005/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 054 25.02.2000, p. 0010</a>	28/07/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament confirming position adopted at 1st reading		<a href="#">T5-0015/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 054 25.02.2000, p. 0056-0079</a>	16/09/1999	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

## Combined transport of goods between Member States: common rules

OBJECTIVE: to promote the use of combined transport as an alternative to ever-expanding road transport. SUBSTANCE: The measures proposed by the Commission concern the initial and final road legs of any kind of combined transport operation. These measures aim to: - extend the tax provisions in Directive 92/106/EEC to allow rebates on vehicle tax and user charges; - lift restrictions on driving at night and during weekends and holidays for this type of transport. ?

## Combined transport of goods between Member States: common rules

The Parliament voted to approve proposals to amend the current Directive on the establishment of common rules for certain types of mixed transport - such as road and waterway transport. The Parliament's Rapporteur was Mr. Rijk VAN DAM (I-EDN, NL). A number of amendments that seek to encourage the use of environmentally friendly methods of transport were passed (rail, inland waterways and maritime transport). The Parliament agreed an amendment which states that the distance travelled by road should be as short as possible and not more than 40% of the total length of the journey. A further amendment states that Member States may, at their own discretion and on the basis of the use of terminals on their territory, reduce or reimburse the taxes specified in Article 6(3) that are applied to vehicles used in combined transport operations other than those referred to in Article 6(1) and (2). Instead of reducing or reimbursing the taxes specified in Art. 6(3), Member States may also provide for appropriate financial incentives. Such reductions or reimbursement of taxes and financial incentives shall,

however, be limited to an amount corresponding to the amount of tax normally applicable to tractor units or any other vehicles engaged in combined transport.?

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The Directorates General or responsible departments have asked for this proposal to be withdrawn. The reasons are indicated as follows: A) for objective reasons (change of de facto situation, objectives already achieved by other means, etc) B) because the Commission has now adopted another approach : - the proposal is replaced implicitly, - a new proposal is in preparation, - no planned replacement.?