

Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	1999/0268(AVC)	Procedure completed
EC/Hungary agreement: road and combined goods transport		
Subject 3.20.15.04 Road transport agreements and cooperation		
Geographical area Hungary		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism		26/01/2000
		PPE-DE HATZIDAKIS Konstantinos	
	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	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2339	19/03/2001
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Energy and Transport		

Key events			
10/12/1999	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0665	Summary
01/08/2000	Legislative proposal published	05948/1/2000	
08/09/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/10/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
11/10/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0278/2000	
25/10/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0461/2000	Summary
19/03/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/03/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1999/0268(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
Committee dossier	RETT/5/13526

Documentation gateway					
Initial legislative proposal		COM(1999)0665 OJ C 089 28.03.2000, p. 0035	10/12/1999	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		05948/1/2000	01/08/2000	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0278/2000 OJ C 197 12.07.2001, p. 0007	11/10/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0461/2000 OJ C 197 12.07.2001, p. 0108-0172	25/10/2000	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2001/266 OJ L 108 18.04.2001, p. 0027 Summary

EC/Hungary agreement: road and combined goods transport

PURPOSE : to conclude the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Hungary 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. Furthermore, this draft Agreement provides that the Community will receive annually 12,500 authorizations from Hungary. Each single authorization is valid for one return transit journey. The distribution of these authorizations among Member States, who will be responsible for issuing them to their hauliers, is the subject of a separate Council Regulation (refer to document procedure COD/1999/0267). In return, 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 upgraded sections of Eastern European transit routes); - the principles of harmonisation of Hungarian 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 Hungary becomes a full Member of the European Union.?

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The committee adopted the report by Konstantinos HATZIDAKIS (EPP-ED, GR) recommending that Parliament give its assent to the conclusion of the Agreement between the EC and Bulgaria. The report said that the Agreement was an opportunity to accelerate the harmonisation of legislative provisions and improve environmental and safety standards in Bulgaria, with a view to its eventual accession to the EU. The rest of the EU would also derive advantages from the Agreement, since the simplified options for transit to trading partners in fellow Member State Greece would also be available to transport undertakings in the remaining Member States. It would also be easier to establish new trading relations with undertakings in Bulgaria with a view to that country's accession. The committee was, nevertheless, critical of the fact that the Commission had yet again failed to keep Parliament's committee responsible informed about the progress of the negotiations leading up to the present draft of the Agreement. However, as far as the legal basis was concerned, the committee welcomed the fact that the Council was asking Parliament for its assent before concluding the Agreement. ?

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The European Parliament legislative 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 Hungary was adopted without debate. ?

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