

Procedure file

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Road transport: ecopoints for heavy vehicles travelling through Austria	
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
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Key events			
20/12/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0862	Summary
15/03/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
10/07/2001	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
09/07/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0266/2001	
04/09/2001	Debate in Parliament		
05/09/2001	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0425/2001	Summary
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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PURPOSE : to amend Protocol No 9 to the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden as regards the system of ecopoints for heavy goods vehicles transiting through Austria. **CONTENT** : the report from the Commission to the Council on the transit of goods through Austria concludes that the ecopoint system shall continue for a final period of 3 years until the end of 2003. However, under such a situation Protocol No 9 enables the Council to modify the ecopoint system provided that the overall aim - 60% reduction in vehicle emissions - is respected. The Commission is thus bringing forward a proposal for a regulation that will amend the ecopoint system in line with the conclusions contained in the ecopoint report. ?

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The committee adopted the report by Hannes SWOBODA (PES, A) which rejected the proposal under the codecision procedure (1st reading), on the grounds that it would endanger the environmentally sensitive Alpine region and allow too many transit journeys by heavy lorries. The report asked the Commission to assess the impact of the ecopoints system on competition between Member States and to put forward a coherent transport strategy for the whole Alpine region from 2004 onwards which would take due account of both transport and environmental requirements. It also asked the Commission to retain an upper ceiling on the number of transit journeys until the ecopoints system expired at the end of 2003, while at the same time ensuring that the number of journeys was calculated correctly, and to make provision for a more appropriate system of sanctions for cases where the upper ceiling was exceeded. ?

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The European Parliament voted 303 to 253 with 18 abstentions to approve the Commission proposal to amend the system of ecopoints for heavy goods vehicles through Austria. In other words, MEPs did not follow the recommendations of its rapporteur to reject it. In a separate resolution however, the House voted 511 to 38 with 24 abstentions to ask the Commission to assess the impact of ecopoints system on competition between Member States. Moreover, the House called on the Commission to put forward a coherent transport strategy for the whole Alpine region from 2004 which will give due consideration not only to the transport requirements but also to the environmental requirements of the Alpine region. There is also support for an upper ceiling on the number of journeys until the ecopoints system expires at the end of 2003. Provision should be made for a more appropriate system of sanctions than the existing one for cases where the upper ceiling is exceeded. ?

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As this proposal is no longer of topical interest, it has been withdrawn by the Commission.