

Procedure file

| Basic information | | |
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| AVC - Assent procedure (historic) | 2001/0242(AVC) | Procedure completed |
| INTERBUS agreement: international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus | | |
| Subject | | |
| 3.20.05 Road transport: passengers and freight | | |
| 3.20.15.04 Road transport agreements and cooperation | | |

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism | PPE-DE SCALLON Dana Rosemary | 20/11/2001 |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | Meeting | Date |
| | Transport, Telecommunications and Energy | 2452 | 03/10/2002 |
| | Agriculture and Fisheries | 2410 | 18/02/2002 |
| European Commission | Commission DG Energy and Transport | Commissioner | |

| Key events | | | |
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| 01/10/2001 | Initial legislative proposal published | COM(2001)0540 | |
| 17/01/2002 | Legislative proposal published | 13262/1/2001 | Summary |
| 11/03/2002 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 18/06/2002 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 18/06/2002 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A5-0235/2002 | |
| 02/07/2002 | Decision by Parliament | T5-0336/2002 | Summary |
| 03/10/2002 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 03/10/2002 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 26/11/2002 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2001/0242(AVC) |
| Procedure type | AVC - Assent procedure (historic) |
| Procedure subtype | International agreement |
| Legal basis | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 093; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 071-p1 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | RETT/5/15231 |

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| Initial legislative proposal | | COM(2001)0540 | 01/10/2001 | EC | |
| Legislative proposal | | 13262/1/2001 OJ C 051 26.02.2002, p. 0193 E | 17/01/2002 | CSL | Summary |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A5-0235/2002 | 18/06/2002 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T5-0336/2002 OJ C 271 12.11.2003, p. 0027-0079 E | 02/07/2002 | EP | Summary |

Additional information

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Final act

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| Decision 2002/917 OJ L 321 26.11.2002, p. 0011-0012 Summary |
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INTERBUS agreement: international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus

PURPOSE: To sign an Agreement between the Community and third countries on the international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus. **CONTENT:** In 1995 the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate a Community Agreement on the international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus with countries in Central and Eastern Europe. Negotiations were opened with the following fourteen countries: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey. The aim of the Agreement, known as the Interbus Agreement, was to shadow the ASOR agreement signed in Dublin 1982. The new Agreement replaces the bilateral agreements concluded between the Community and Contracting Parties. It includes most of the liberalisation measures of the ASOR Agreement but adds social, fiscal and technical measures based on the principle of non-discrimination between the Contracting Parties. The Agreement will cover traffic between the third countries themselves, thereby creating a certain degree of harmonisation of fiscal, social and technical requirements in addition to the rules on market access. The Republic of San Marino, the Principality of Monaco and the Principality of Andorra may join at a later stage. In terms of the Agreement's content, the following provisions have been proposed: - The Contracting Parties are required to apply a principle of non-discrimination. They are not allowed to discriminate on the grounds of nationality, place of establishment, origin or destination of the bus or coach. - The following are exempt from authorisation: closed-door tours, services which make the outward journey laden and the return journey unladen, services on which the outward journey is made unladen and all the passengers are taken up in the same place, transit operators, buses and coaches to be used exclusively for the replacement of a bus or a coach which is damaged. - The Agreement provides that the Contracting Parties must apply harmonising laws. Thus, the following EU legislation is annexed to the Agreement: the Community Directive on admission to the occupation, Community Directives on various technical standards applicable to vehicles. (By 2010 at the latest, only buses and coaches equivalent to EURO 1 standard are allowed on the road), Accession to the European Agreement concerning the work of crews of vehicles engaged in international road transport (AETR) - Fiscal provision are also specified. A Joint Committee will be instructed to draw up a list of taxes which may only be levied on the Contracting Party of registration of the vehicle. Taxes and charges on motor fuel, VAT, road tolls and other charges for the use of infrastructure will apply in a non-discriminatory manner. A limited quantity of fuel will be excluded as will spare parts which may be imported free of duties. - The contracting parties are responsible for the control of the Agreement. Penalties for breaching the terms of the Agreement can be imposed by the Contracting Parties. - A Joint Committee will be set up to manage the Agreement. - The Agreement will enter into force on the first day of the third month following ratification by a fourth country. The Agreement will be concluded for a period of five years.?

INTERBUS agreement: international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus

The committee adopted the report by Dana Rosemary SCALLON (EPP-ED, IRL) recommending that Parliament give its assent to the conclusion of the Interbus Agreement. ?

INTERBUS agreement: international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus

The European Parliament adopted the report drafted by Dana Rosemary SCALLON (EPP-ED, Ireland) and gave its assent to the conclusion of the INTERBUS Agreement. ?

INTERBUS agreement: international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus

PURPOSE : to conclude the Interbus Agreement between the Community and third countries. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 917/2002/EC on the conclusion of the Interbus Agreement on the international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus.

CONTENT : The conclusion of the Interbus Agreement is approved on behalf of the Community. The Commission, assisted by representatives of the members of the Council, will represent the Community in the Joint Committee set up by the Agreement. The position to be taken by the Community within the Committee will be adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission. The Council will act by simple majority when the decision that the Committee proposes to take relates to its Rules of Procedure. For the content of the Agreement, please refer to the document dated 17/01/02. ?