Statistics of goods transport by inland waterways; Commission delegated and implementing powers

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PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 on statistics of goods transport by inland waterways as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) makes a distinction between:

the powers which may be delegated to the Commission to adopt non-legislative acts of general application to supplement or amend certain non-essential elements of the legislative act, as laid down in Article 290(1) of the TFEU (delegated acts), and

the implementing powers which shall be conferred on the Commission where uniform conditions for implementing legally binding Union acts are needed, as laid down in Article 291(2) of the TFEU (implementing acts).

In the context of the alignment of Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 to the new rules of the TFEU, implementing powers currently conferred upon the Commission by that Regulation should be provided for by powers to adopt delegated and/or implementing acts.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 338(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: as regards Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006, it is proposed to:

empower the Commission to adopt delegated acts in order to adapt the threshold for statistical coverage of inland waterways transport, to adapt the definitions and adopt additional definitions, as well as to adopt delegated acts in order to adapt the data collection scope and the content of the Annexes;

confer implementing powers on the Commission with a view to ensuring uniform conditions concerning the arrangements for transmitting data to the Commission (Eurostat) including data interchange standards and for the dissemination of results by the Commission (Eurostat), and to developing and publishing methodological requirements and criteria designed to ensure the quality of the data produced, in accordance with the examination procedure laid down in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the proposal has no implication for the EU budget.