

**Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Regulation (EC) No 685/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 April 2001 in order to foresee for the distribution of authorisations among Member States received through the Agreement between the European Community and Romania establishing certain conditions for the carriage of goods by road and the promotion of Combined Transport**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

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(Submitted by the Commission on 20 June 2001)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 71 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions, Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty,

Whereas:

- (1) By Council Decision ... the European Community has concluded an Agreement with Romania establishing certain conditions for the carriage of goods by road and the promotion of Combined Transport.
- (2) This Agreement foresees that the Community will receive road transit authorisations from Romania, as is the case under the almost identical agreements that have already been concluded with Bulgaria and Hungary.
- (3) It is necessary for reasons of coherency that the rules governing the distribution, management and allocation of these authorisations are identical to those that have been established for the distribution of the authorisations received through the agreements with Bulgaria and Hungary.
- (4) Regulation (EC) No 685/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(1)</sup> should be amended accordingly.
- (5) It is necessary for this Regulation to enter into force as a matter of urgency,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Regulation (EC) No 685/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 1 shall be replaced by the following:

*'Article 1*

This Regulation lays down the rules for the distribution between the Member States of authorisations available to

the Community by virtue of Article 6.2 of the Agreements between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria, between the European Community and the Republic of Hungary and between the European Community and Romania establishing certain conditions for the carriage of goods by road and the promotion of Combined Transport (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreements").'

2. The Annex shall be replaced by the following:

| Member State   | Authorisations for use in: |               |               |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                | Bulgaria                   | Hungary       | Romania       |
| Belgium        | 103                        | 103           | 104           |
| Denmark        | 110                        | 110           | 111           |
| Germany        | 134                        | 133           | 137           |
| Greece         | 11 468                     | 10 974        | 12 457        |
| Spain          | 100                        | 100           | 100           |
| France         | 102                        | 102           | 102           |
| Ireland        | 100                        | 100           | 100           |
| Italy          | 102                        | 102           | 102           |
| Luxembourg     | 100                        | 100           | 100           |
| Netherlands    | 150                        | 147           | 154           |
| Austria        | 119                        | 118           | 120           |
| Portugal       | 100                        | 100           | 100           |
| Finland        | 102                        | 102           | 102           |
| Sweden         | 107                        | 106           | 107           |
| United Kingdom | 103                        | 103           | 104           |
| Total          | <b>13 000</b>              | <b>12 500</b> | <b>14 000</b> |

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 685/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 April 2001 concerning the distribution of authorisations among Member States received through the Agreements establishing certain conditions for the carriage of goods by road and the promotion of combined transport between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria and between the European Community and the Republic of Hungary (OJ L 108, 18.4.2001, p. 1).