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## Proposal for a Council Directive (EEC)

on returns to be made on the basis of regional statistics in respect  
of international carriage of goods by road

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(submitted by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In the framework of the common transport policy, and of the regional policy, the Commission needs basic information on the transport of goods carried by the various modes of transport.

While important progress has been made in what concerns the transport of goods by railway and by inland waterways, the information available for road transport is only fragmentary, and experience has shown that worthwhile results can only be obtained in this sector by means of directives.

It is for this reason that the Commission in 1971, communicated to Council a draft directive on national transport of goods by road, which has not yet been adopted by Council for purely financial motives advanced by one member State. The same reason caused the Commission to initiate the directive 69/467/ECE of Council, on the international transport of goods by road.

The application of this last directive has however, in the majority of Member States come up against the difficulties summarised in the report on this subject which the Commission has submitted to Council (1).

It emerged in this report that, in asking Member States to collect data on all transport entering their territory, as well as transport with a destination in a third country, this directive directly entailed collecting data at frontiers.

At those Member States who comprise Benelux have abolished customs controls at their common frontiers, which makes it impossible to apply the directive, and because in any case it would be contrary to the objectives of the Commission to maintain in force a directive which implicitly required controls for statistical purposes at frontiers, it therefore seems opportune to modify the directive 69/467/ECE, in order to reach, by the help of other methods, the ends which this directive pursues.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular Article 213 thereof;

Having regard to Directive 69/467/EEC of 8 December 1969 on returns, to be made on the basis of regional statistics, in respect of international carriage of goods by road <sup>(1)</sup>, and especially Article 6 thereof;

Having regard to the proposals from the Commission;

Whereas Council Directive 69/467/EEC of 8 December 1969 stipulates in Article 6 (1) that the Commission shall, with the assistance of the Co-ordinating Committee for Transport Statistics at the Statistical Office of the European Communities, examine each year the results of surveys made by Member States in order to approximate the methods used as far as possible;

Whereas pursuant to Article 6 (2) of Council Directive 69/467/EEC, the Commission on 27 June 1974 submitted a report to the Council on the implementation of the Directive, and whereas it is clear from the report that several Member States can only supply the data required by means of additional frontier formalities; whereas these Member States should be enabled to dispense with the collection of statistical data at frontier posts as is implied in the provisions of the above Directive;

Whereas, in view of past and future measures relating to the common transport policy and other areas of policy, especially in the field of regional policy, more information is required on the scale of and trends in the carriage of goods between the different regions of the Community and between these regions and non-member States;

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Whereas for the same reasons information is needed on the importance of the regions of the Community in the receipt and dispatch of the various groups of commodities;

Whereas radical amendment of Council Directive 69/467/EEC is thus required;

Whereas provision should be made for amending the Directive as may prove necessary in the light of experience, after a suitable trial period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Council Directive 69/467/EEC of 8 December 1969 is cancelled and replaced by the provisions below.

Article 2

Each member State shall collect data annually on the international carriage of goods by road to and from its national territory by means of goods-carrying vehicles registered in that State, whether used for carriage on own account or for carriage for hire or reward. Transport by agricultural and military vehicles shall, however, be excluded.

The first data to be collected shall be for the year 1977.

Article 3

1. The annual statistical data mentioned in Article 2 above shall show the tonnage carried and tonne-kilometres hauled, broken down as follows:
  - carriage on own account and for hire or reward;
  - by the chapters of the NST (Standard Nomenclature of Commodities for Transport Statistics) listed in Annex 1;
  - by the groups of commodities listed in Annex 2;
  - by the countries in which loading and unloading takes place, as listed in the nomenclature of countries set out in Annex 3;
  - by the distance covered.

2. For the years 1977 - 79 the member States shall in addition give a breakdown of the statistical data collected pursuant to Section 1 of this Article, according to the regions in which loading and unloading takes place, as listed in Annex 4.

#### Article 4

From 1 January 1980 the method adopted by the member States for collection of the data specified in Article 2 shall no longer require formalities to be completed specifically for this purpose for each exchange of goods within the Community.

#### Article 5

Member States which conduct sample surveys shall so construct their samples that they provide satisfactory results at the level of the overall figures for international transport and shall inform the Commission of the degree of accuracy of the results.

#### Article 6

1. a) Each year, before 1 October following the reference year, member States shall send to the Commission the data mentioned in Article 3 (1) in the form of tables conforming to the models in Annexes 5 to 8 of this Directive.  
b) Member States shall provide the Commission with a detailed report on the methods used, to be submitted on or before the date on which the first returns are made to the Commission.
2. a) For each of the years 1977, 1978 and 1979, the member States shall, before the end of the year following the reference year, supply the Commission with the data mentioned in Article 3 (2) in the form of tables conforming to the models in Annexes 9 and 10 of this Directive.  
b) At the same time as the data mentioned in a) above, the member States shall supply the Commission with a report on their experience in conducting the survey and on the degree of accuracy of the results.

Article 7

1. Each year, the Statistical Office of the European Communities, with the assistance of the Co-ordinating Committee for Transport Statistics, shall examine the statistical tables and reports submitted by the member States pursuant to Article 6 (1) in order to harmonize as far as possible the methods employed.
2. The Statistical Office of the European Communities, with the assistance of the 'Road Transport Statistics' Working Party of the Co-ordinating Committee for Transport Statistics and in the light of the reports submitted by the member States, shall determine the means and the degree of detail appropriate for the use and publication by the Commission of the returns made by the member States pursuant to Article 6 (2).

Article 8

Before 1 June 1979, the Commission shall report to the Council on experience gained to date in conducting the studies made pursuant to Article 3 (2), and before 1 January 1982 it shall make a second report on the results obtained pursuant to Article 3 (1).

At the same time the Commission shall also propose any amendments to this Directive which may prove to be necessary on the basis of the experience and results obtained.

Article 9

Annexes 1 - 10 appended form an integral part of this Directive.

Article 10

The member States shall take the necessary measures to comply with this Directive on or before 1 January 1977.

Article 11

This Directive is addressed to the member States.

Done at \_\_\_\_\_, on

For the Council

The President



NST- Chapters

(Uniform Goods Nomenclature for transport statistics)

Chapter n°	Description
0	Agricultural products and live animals
1	Foodstuffs and animal fodder
2	Solid mineral fuels
3	Petroleum products
4	Ores and metal waste
5	Metal products
6	Crude and manufactured minerals, building materials
7	Fertilizers
8	Chemicals
9	Machinery, transport equipment, manufactured articles and miscellaneous articles

## GROUPS OF GOODS

Group of goods	Chapter NST <sup>1</sup>	NST <sup>1</sup> Group	Description on the basis of the NST <sup>1</sup> terminology
1	0	00, 02, 04, 05, 06, 09	Other agricultural products and live animals
2		01	Cereals
3		03	Other fresh or frozen vegetables and fresh fruits
4	1	11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18	Foodstuffs and fodder
5	2	21	Hard coal
6		22	Brown coal and peat
7		23	Coke
8	3	31	Crude petroleum
9		32, 33, 34	Other petroleum products
10	4	41	Iron ores
11		45	Non-ferrous ores and wastes
12		46	Scrap metal and blast furnace dust
13	5	51	Foundry pig iron and cast iron, ferro-alloys
14		522	Rolled semi-finished iron and steel products, blooms, billets, slabs and steel bars, roughly shaped for sheets or plates (coils)
15-16		532, 535, 537, 542, 545 523, 533, 536, 543, 546, 55, 56	Rolled products Other rolled products
17	6	61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 69	Raw or manufactured minerals and construction materials
18	7	71, 72	Fertilisers
19	8	81, 82, 83, 84, 89	Chemical products
20	9	91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97	Machines, vehicles, manufactured articles
21		99	Special transactions

<sup>1</sup> Standard Goods Nomenclature for Transport Statistics (Statistical Office of the European Communities, 1968).

Countries nomenclature

01	Germany (FR)
02	Belgium
03	Luxembourg
04	Netherlands
05	France
06	Italy
07	United Kingdom
08	Ireland
09	Denmark

81	DDR
91	Austria
92	Switzerland
93	Yougoslavia
95	Spain
96	Norway
97	Sweden
99	Other countries

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Transport Regions of the CommunityGermany (FR)

001	Schleswig-Holstein
002	Hamburg
003	Nordostteil von Niedersachsen
004	Westteil von Niedersachsen
005	Südostteil von Niedersachsen
006	Bremen (Land)
007	Nordteil von Nordrhein-Westfalen
008	Ruhrgebiet
009	Südwestteil von Nordrhein-Westfalen
010	Ostteil von Nordrhein-Westfalen (Sieger-Sauerland und Ostteil von Westfalen)
011	Nordteil von Hessen
012	Südteil von Hessen
013	Nordteil von Rheinland-Pfalz
014	Südteil von Rheinland-Pfalz
015	Nordbaden
016	Südbaden
017	Württemberg
018	Nordbayern (Franken)
019	Ostbayern (Oberpfalz und Niederbayern)
020	Südbayern (Schwaben und Oberbayern)
021	Saarland
022	Berlin (West)

Belgium

030	Belgique (autre que 031)
031	Antwerpen

Luxembourg

034	Luxembourg
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Netherlands

035	Rijnmond
036	Ijmond
037	Zuid-Limburg
039	Reste des Pays-Bas

France

040	Nord
041	Picardie
042	Haute Normandie, Basse Normandie
043	Région parisienne
044	Lorraine
045	Franche-Comté, Bourgogne

046 Rhône-Alpes  
 047 Languedoc, Provence, Côte d'Azur  
 048 Midi Pyrénées  
 049 Aquitaine, Poitou, Charentes  
 050 Bretagne, Pays de la Loire  
 051 Centre, Limousin, Auvergne  
 052 Champagne  
 053 Alsace

Italy

060 Piemonte, Valle d'Aosta  
 061 Lombardia  
 062 Liguria  
 063 Trentino - Alto Adige, Veneto  
 064 Friuli, Venezia Giulia  
 065 Emilia-Romagna  
 066 Toscana  
 067 Marche, Umbria, Abruzzi, Molise  
 068 Lazio  
 069 Campania  
 070 Puglia, Basilicata  
 071 Calabria  
 072 Sicilia  
 073 Sardegna

Denmark

100 Vest for Storebaelt  
 101 Øst for Storebaelt ekskl. Storkøbenhavn  
 102 Storkøbenhavn

Ireland

110 Ireland

United Kingdom

120 South West Region  
 121 South East Region  
 122 Wales and Monmouthshire  
 123 West Midlands  
 124 East Midlands  
 125 East Anglia  
 126 North West Region  
 127 Yorkshire and Humberside  
 128 Northern Region  
 129 Scotland  
 130 Northern Ireland

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International carriage of goods by road  
classified by category of goods (10 chapters of NST(R)  
and 21 groups of goods) <sup>1)</sup>

Country :

Period :

	Total		For hire or reward		Own account	
	t	tkm	t	tkm	t	tkm
10 chapters of NST(R)						
21 groups of goods						

1) By means of national vehicles only

International carriage of goods by road <sup>1)</sup>  
classified by country, category of goods and type of transport

Country:  
Period:  
Type of transport <sup>2)</sup>:

	tonnes										
10 chapters of NST(R) Country	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
1. Unloaded											
A. Total Member States											
of which 1.											
2.											
etc.											
B. Total third countries											
of which 1.											
2.											
etc.											
C. Total (A + B)											
2. Loaded											
A. Total Member States											
of which 1.											
2.											
etc.											
B. Total third countries											
of which 1.											
2.											
etc.											
C. Total (A + B)											

1) By means of national vehicles only  
 2) Separate returns to be made for carriage on own account and for hire or reward.

International carriage of goods by road classified  
by country and distance <sup>1)</sup>

tonnes

	Total					For hire and reward					Own account						
	Total	of which				Total	of which				Total	of which					
		- 24 km	25 - 49	50 - 149	150 - 499		500 -	- 24 km	25 - 49	50 - 149		150 - 499	500 -	- 24 km	25 - 49	50 - 149	150 - 499
<b>1. Unloaded</b>																	
A. Member States																	
of which 1.																	
2.																	
etc.,																	
B. Third countries																	
of which 1.																	
2.																	
etc.,																	
Total (A + B)																	
<b>2. Loaded</b>																	
Member States																	
of which 1.																	
2.																	
etc.,																	
Third countries																	
of which 1.																	
2.																	
etc.,																	
Total (A + B)																	

1) By means of national vehicles only



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International carriage of goods by road  
classified by distance and category of goods 1)

tonnes

	Total					For hire and reward					Own account							
	Total	of which				Total	of which				Total	of which						
		- 24 km	25 - 49	50 - 149	150 - 499		500 -	- 24 km	25 - 49	50 - 149		150 - 499	500 -	- 24 km	25 - 49	50 - 149	150 - 499	500 -
10 chapters of NST(R)																		
21 groups of goods																		

1) By means of national vehicles only

International carriage of goods by road <sup>1)</sup>:  
Total quantities by region

Regions in EC and third countries	Home regions							tonnes
	01	02	03	04	...	...	...	Total
1. Unloaded								
A. Total other EC regions of which    030 031 ' ' 130								
B. Total third countries of which    1. 2. ' ' ' etc.,								
C. Total (A + B)								
2. Loaded								
A. Total other EC regions of which    030 031 ' '								
B. Total third countries of which    1. 2. 3. ' ' ' etc.,								
C. Total (A + B)								

1) By means of national vehicles only

International carriage of goods by road :  
Quantities loaded and unloaded, classified by region and  
category of goods <sup>1)</sup>

Goods loaded in the following regions:	NST(R) chapters											tonnes
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	
001 002 ↓ ↓ ↓ 130 Third countries ↓ ↓ ↓												
Goods unloaded in the following regions	NST(R) chapters											
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	
001 002 ↓ ↓ ↓ 130 Third countries ↓ ↓ ↓												

1) By means of national vehicles only