

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION
amending Regulation (EEC) No 3164/76
on the Community quota for the carriage
of goods by road between Member States

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The Community quota system was instituted by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1018/68 of 19 July 1968¹.

Since Council Regulation (EEC) No 3164/76 of 16 December 1976² was adopted there has been no time-limit on the system. It is also provided that the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, should decide, by 30 November of each year, on any increase in the Community quota and on the allocation to the Member States of the resulting extra authorizations.

2. Given the need for progress in the Community wide integration of transport systems, specifically in the field of road transport between Member States, which should not only make it easier to eliminate any inequality in the treatment of carriers but also promote trade ; considering, moreover, that the Community quota system is one of the means of bringing about such integration, but that the efficient performance of this role depends on its impact on the type of transport concerned ; given, finally, the increase in trade between Member States in 1977 and the wide spread use of Community authorizations (in 1976, the average utilization of an authorization was 1 614 300 tkm, equivalent to 80 000 km per vehicle with a 20 t payload), the Community quota should be increased by 20 % for 1979.

(1) OJ. No L 175 of 23 July 1968, p. 13

(2) OJ No L 357 of 29 December 1976, p. 1.

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3. As regards the allocation of the extra authorizations, the usual formula should be adopted : 50 % of the increase in the quota to be allocated on the basis of the rate of utilization of Community authorizations in 1977, the other half on a linear basis. "

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAVING REGARD to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 75 thereof,

HAVING REGARD to the proposal from the Commission,

HAVING REGARD to the opinion of the European Parliament,

HAVING REGARD to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

WHEREAS the introduction of a common transport policy entails, inter alia, the establishment of common rules for the carriage of goods by road between Member States ; whereas these rules must be drawn up so as to help bring about a common transport market ;

WHEREAS the system of Community authorizations for the carriage of goods by road between Member States promotes the establishment of a Community-wide transport market to which carriers from all Member States may have access on an equal footing and without distinction on grounds of nationality ;

WHEREAS existing Community authorizations are being used with ever-increasing intensity; whereas, furthermore, trade between Member States is constantly expanding; whereas consequently it is appropriate to raise the Community quota as provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) of 16 December 1976 No 3164/76 on the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States(1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3024/77 of 21 December 1977(2)

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 3164/76 is amended as follows :

In Article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be replaced by the following

- "1. the Community quota shall consist of 3402 authorizations
2. The number of Community authorizations allocated to each Member State shall be as follows :

BELGIUM	:	378
DENMARK	:	251
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	:	621
FRANCE	:	573
IRELAND	:	69
ITALY	:	480
LUXEMBOURG	:	98
NETHERLANDS	:	549
UNITED KINGDOM	:	383 "

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1979.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,
The President

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(1) OJ No L 357, 29.12.1976, p.1.

(2) OJ No L 358 of 31 December 1977. n. 4.