

Information on the activities of road hauliers
participating in goods traffic between Member States
and the state-trading countries of Eastern Europe

The Commission has adopted its first report to the Council on the collection of information concerning the activities of road hauliers participating in road traffic of goods with certain third countries.

This report results from discussion on the problems caused by the activities of road hauliers of certain state-trading countries of Eastern Europe and on the limited participation of hauliers of Member States in traffic to and from these countries.

The report supplies information on the content of quota fixing agreements between Member States and East-bloc countries and on the utilization of these quotas by the hauliers of Member States.

Total road transport between Member States and East-bloc countries amounted to 6.8 million tonnes in 1981*. More detailed information, in particular on the nationality of the haulier, is only available to the extent that traffic goes to or from or transits Germany, which is three-quarters of total East-West road traffic (4.4 million tonnes).

In an overall picture hauliers from Member States carry only 30% of bilateral East-West road transport while East-bloc hauliers carry 59% and third country hauliers 11%. In the case of individual Member States and East-bloc countries big differences from this general average have been noted, as is shown in the two tables annexed.

Figures for 1982 are available and show, apart from 2.6% increase in total East-West road transport, no significant changes in the overall picture. Data for 1983 will be available shortly.

*In addition to this 2.9 million tonnes are carried by road between the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic. This is not considered to be international transport.

The Commission concludes that the concern expressed by the various Community institutions on the existence of a serious imbalance to the detriment of road hauliers from Member States is confirmed and that there is continuing cause on some routes for concern about the position of Member States' hauliers in bilateral East-West road transport.

Therefore the Commission advocates continuation of the monitoring system.

Table 1 : Bilateral road transport, by nationality of the haulier, between the Member States and Eastern Europe, 1981, in tonnes.

EC Member States	EC hauliers from country of origin/destination	East bloc hauliers from country of origin/destination	crosss-trading hauliers	Total road transport in tonnes
France	94.870 (24%)	224.927 (56%)	82.316 (20%)	402.143
	870.112 (32%)	1.622.763 (60%)	214.458 (8%)	2.707.333
I	21.944 (38%)	21.964 (38%)	13.241 (23%)	57.149
NL	181.591 (29%)	384.315 (61%)	68.286 (11%)	634.192
B	59.134 (17%)	225.847 (64%)	67.425 (19%)	352.406
L	256 (2%)	8.893 (75%)	2.702 (23%)	11.851
UK	33.321 (26%)	87.007 (67%)	8.991 (7%)	129.319
IRL	3.855 (52%)	1.373 (18%)	2.230 (30%)	7.458
DK	61.766 (67%)	23.850 (26%)	6.667 (7%)	92.283
GR	875 (24%)	6 (0%)	2.773 (76%)	3.654
EUR 10	1.327.724 (30%)	2.600.975 (59%)	469.089 (11%)	4.397.788

Table 2 : Bilateral road transport, by nationality of the haulier, between the state-trading countries of Eastern Europe and the EC, 1981, in tonnes.

State trading countries of Eastern Europe	EC hauliers from country of origin/destination	East bloc hauliers from country of origin/destination	Cross-trading hauliers	Total road transport in tonnes
USSR	33.871 (11%)	240.911 (81%)	24.444 (8%)	299.226
Poland	196.000 (37%)	284.924 (54%)	49.115 (9%)	530.039
GDR	183.840 (30%)	320.161 (52%)	117.902 (19%)	621.903
Czechoslovakia	726.364 (35%)	1.288.371 (62%)	51.906 (3%)	2.066.641
Hungary	121.365 (19%)	344.557 (53%)	185.788 (29%)	651.710
Bulgaria	19.689 (19%)	66.658 (65%)	16.350 (16%)	102.697
Rumania	46.595 (37%)	55.393 (44%)	23.584 (19%)	125.572
Total	1.327.724 (30%)	2.600.975 (59%)	469.089 (11%)	4.397.788