



COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

THE CHAIRMAN

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Ms Erminia MAZZONI
Chairman of the Committee on Petitions
ASP 08F136

Re: petition 0207/2010 and petition 0160/2010 - EC Regulation 561/2006

Dear Chair,

The Committee on Transport and Tourism is following with interest the implementation and enforcement of EC Regulation 561/2006 by the Member States and the related question of the use of the digital tachograph (see also Commission Directive 2009/4/EC on counter measures to prevent and detect manipulation of records of tachographs).

I will therefore put the two petitions for information on the agenda of our next coordinators meeting, but let me already point out the following:

The European Parliament supported a proper enforcement of the Regulation and achieved in Conciliation with Council to introduce a higher percentages of checks a year earlier than originally proposed (2% of days worked from 2008 and 3% of days worked from 2010. From 2012 the minimum percentage of checks may be increased to 4% by the Commission). We agreed on the maximum driving times and also on the introduction of the digital tachograph. Article 10 Para 2 of the Regulation states that a "transport undertaking shall organise the work of drivers (...) in such a way that the drivers are able to comply with Regulation (EEC) No 3821/85 and Chapter II of this Regulation."

So, while we do not want to give you the impression of being cynical, the two petitions do not seem to highlight any problems with the application of the Regulation, but, on the contrary, give evidence that its enforcement is on track.

With kind regards,

Brian Simpson