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REPORT

Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council –
Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty on current legislative procedures as
at 1 May 1999 in the field of regional policy, transport and tourism (SEC(99) 581 – C4-
0219/1999)

Confirmation of first readings

COM(1995) 337 - C4-0555/1995 - 1995/0205(COD) - formerly 1995/0205(SYN)
COM(1998) 480 - C4-0561/1998 - 1998/0265(COD) - formerly 1998/0265(SYN)
COM(1998) 480 - C4-0562/1998 - 1998/0266(COD) - formerly 1998/0266(SYN)
COM(1998) 117 - C4-0346/1998 - 1998/0097(COD) - formerly 1998/0097(SYN)
COM(1995) 353 - C4-0419/1995 - 1995/0232(COD) - formerly 1995/0232(CNS)
COM(1997) 382 - C4-0460/1997 - 1997/0212(COD) - formerly 1997/0212(SYN)
COM(1997) 154 - C4-0362/1997 - 1997/0127(COD) - formerly 1997/0127(SYN)
COM(1998) 041 - C4-0106/1998 - 1998/0022(COD) - formerly 1998/0022(SYN)
COM(1996) 186 - C4-0336/1996 - 1996/0119(COD) - formerly 1996/0119(SYN)
COM(1998) 759 - C4-0136/1999 - 1998/0349(COD) - formerly 1998/0349(SYN)
COM(1997) 367 - C4-0449/1997 - 1997/0193(COD) - formerly 1997/0193(SYN)
COM(1997) 644 - C4-0066/1998 - 1997/0335(COD) - formerly 1997/0335(SYN)

COM(1993) 647 - C3-0023/1994 - 1993/0491(COD) - formerly 1993/0491(SYN)
COM(1998) 251 - C4-0423/1998 - 1998/0158(COD) - formerly 1998/0158(SYN)
- C4-0424/1998 - 1998/0159(COD) - formerly 1998/0159(SYN)
COM(1998) 452 - C4-0484/1998 - 1998/0249(COD) - formerly 1998/0249(SYN)
COM(1998) 803 - C4-0242/1998 - 1998/0106(COD) - formerly 1998/0106(SYN)
COM(1998) 414 - C4-0485/1998 - 1998/0226(COD) - formerly 1998/0226(SYN)
- 1998/0227(COD) - formerly 1998/0227(SYN)

Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism

Rapporteur: Konstantinos Hatzidakis

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PROCEDURAL PAGE

The Commission proposals set out on the cover page have been included in the list of proposals, current at the date of 1 May 1999 (C4-0219/99), for which the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam entails a change of legal basis and change in procedure, i.e. the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the EC Treaty (codecision procedure). By letter of 3 May 1999 the Commission confirmed its original proposals and submitted them to Parliament.

At the sitting of 3 May 1999 the President of the European Parliament referred back to the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism the proposals pending in the Council as at 1 May 1999 falling within its remit, for consideration as the committee responsible.

At its meeting of 27 and 28 July the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism considered the draft report.

At the last meeting it adopted unopposed the motion for a resolution excepting the proposal listed under 1a by 22 votes to 14 with 2 abstentions. Concerning proposal COM(1998) 414 listed under 1q, this contains the amendment of two different directives: 92/106 (Common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States – SYN 1998/0226) and 96/53 (Maximum authorised dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorised weights in international traffic – SYN 1998/0227); only the first is the subject of confirmation, given that the second was rejected by the plenary on 15 April 1999¹.

The following were present for the vote: Hatzidakis, chairman, Mastorakis, vice-chairman, Markov, vice-chairman, Apparicio Sanchez (for Mrs Darras), Atkins, Attwooll, Bakopoulous, Berend, Bouwman, Callanan, Cerdeira Morterero, Cocilovo (for Cesaro), Collins, Costa, Esclope, Fitto, Foster (for Musotto), Fruteau (for Fava), Grosch, Hedkvist Petersen, Izquierdo Collado, Jarzembowski, Jeggler (for Viceconte), Koch, Marques, McCarthy, Meijer, Nogueira Roman, Ojeda, Ortuondo Larrea, Peus, Pohjamo, Rack, Ripolli Martinez Bedoya, Sanchez Garcia, Sanders-Ten Holte (for Sterckx), Savary, Scallon, Schmitt, Simpson, Sommer, Stenmarck (for Decourriere), Stockton, Sudre, Vatanen and Watts.

The report was tabled on 3 September 1999.

¹ See minutes of this date's sitting, Part II, Point 9.

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council – Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty on current legislative procedures in the field of regional policy, transport and tourism (SEC(1999)581 C4-0219/1999)

(Codecision procedure: confirmation of first readings)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list of Commission proposals pending as at 1 May 1999 for which the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam entails a change in legal basis and procedure,¹
 - having regard to its resolution of 4 May 1999² on the implications of the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam (list of legislative proposals pending in the Council as at 1 May 1999, indicating new legal bases and any changes in legislative procedure following the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam),
 - having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism (A5-0005/1999),
1. Confirms as first readings in the framework of the codecision procedure and under the new legal basis indicated by the committee, the texts adopted:
- (a) on 25 October 1996³ on the proposal for a Council Directive on the development of the Community's railways
(COM(1995) 337 – C4-0555/1995 – 1995/0205(COD) – formerly 1995/0205(SYN))
 - (b) on 10 March 1999⁴ on the proposal for a Council Directive on the development of the Community's railways
(COM)1998) 480 – C4-0561/1998 – 1998/0265(COD) – formerly 1998/0265(SYN)

¹ SEC(99) 581 – C4-021/99.

² See minutes of this date's sitting, Part II, Point 7

³ OJ C 347, 18.11.1996, p. 420.

⁴ OJ C 175, 21.6.1999, p. 98.

- (c) on 10 March 1999¹ on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 95/18/EC on the licensing of railway undertakings
(COM(1998) 480 – C4-0562/1998 – 1998/0266(COD) – formerly 1998/0266(SYN))
- (d) on 9 February 1999² on the proposal for a Council Directive on the roadside inspection of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles circulating in the Community – 98/0097 (SYN)
(COM (1998) 117 – C4-0346/1988 – 1988/0097 (COD) - formerly 1998/0097(SYN))
- (e) on 29 February 1996³ on the draft Council regulation (EC) on statistical returns in respect of carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air – formerly 1995/0232 (CNS)
COM(1995) 353 – C4-0419/1995 – 1995/0232 (COD) - formerly 1995/0232(CNS)
- (f) on 19 February 1998⁴ on the proposal for a Council Directive on safety requirements and attestation of professional competence for cabin crews in Civil Aviation
COM(1997) 382 – C4-0460/97 – 1997/0212(COD) – formerly 1997/0212(SYN)
- (g) on 31 March 1998⁵ on the proposal for a Council Directive on airport charges
COM(1997) 154 – C4-0362/1997 – 1997/0127 (COD) - formerly 1997/0127 (SYN)
- (h) on 17 July 1998⁶ on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EEC) No 295/91 establishing common rules for a denied-boarding compensation system in scheduled air transport – 98/0022 (SYN)
COM(1998) 041 - C4-0106/1998 – 1998/0022(COD) – formerly 1998/0022(SYN))
- (i) on 18 September 1996⁷ on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91, on the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation (96/0119(SYN))
COM(1996) 186 – C4-0336/1996 – 1996/0119(COD) – formerly 1996/0119(SYN))

¹ OJ C 175 of 21.06.99, p. 98.

² OJ C 150, 28.5.99, p. 15.

³ OJ 178, 18.3.96, p. 12. This proposal was not included in Annex 2 (list of Commission proposals pending as at 1 May 1999) of SEC (1999)0581, but is the subject of Annex 1 (under Point 19).

⁴ OJ C 80, 16.3.98, p. 185.

⁵ OJ C 138, 4.5.98, p. 18.

⁶ OJ C 292, 21.9.98, p. 205.

⁷ OJ C 320, 28.10.96, p. 64.

- (j) on 23 March 1999¹ on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 of 16 December 1991 on the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation – 98/0349(SYN)
COM(1998) 759 – C4-0136/1999 – 1998/0349(COD) – formerly 1998/0349(SYN))
- (k) on 18 December 1998² on the proposal for a Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by vessels on inland waterways - 97/0193 (SYN)
COM(1997) 367 – C4-0449/1997 – 1997/0193(COD) – formerly 1997/0193(SYN))
- (l) on 20 October 1998³ on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 82/714/EEC of 4 October 1982 laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels
COM(1997) 644 – C4-0066/1998 – 1997/0335(COD) – formerly 1997/0335(SYN))
- (m) on 20 April 1994⁴ on the proposal for a Council Directive concerning the setting-up of a European vessel reporting system in the maritime zones of Community Member States
COM(1993) 647 – C3-0023/1994 – 0491(COD) – formerly 0491(SYN))
- (n) on 12 March 1999⁵ on the proposal for a Council Directive on manning of regular passenger and ferry services operating in and between Member States – Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3577/92 applying the principle of freedom to provide services to maritime transport within Member States (maritime cabotage) – 98/0158(SYN) – Proposal for a Council Directive on manning conditions for regular passenger and ferry services operating between Member States – 98/0159(SYN)
COM(1998) 251 – C4-0423/1998 – 1998/0158(COD) – formerly 1998/0158(SYN)) – C4-0424/1998 – 1998/0159(COD) – formerly 1998/0159(SYN))
- (o) on 11 February 1999⁶ on the proposal for a Council Directive on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues – 98/0249(SYN)
COM(1998) 452 – C4-0484/1998 – 1998/0249(COD) – formerly 1998/0249(SYN))

¹ OJ C 177, 22.6.99, p.10.

² OJ C 098, 9.4.99, p. 482.

³ OJ C 341, 9.11.98, p. 11.

⁴ OJ C 128, 9.5.94, p. 127.

⁵ OJ C 175, 21.6.99, p.4.

⁶ OJ C 150, 28.5.99, p.283.

- (p) on 20 October 1998¹ on the amended proposal for a Council Directive on the harmonisation of examination requirements for safety advisers for the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail or inland waterways – 98/0106 (SYN) – (presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 189 a (2) of the EC Treaty)
COM(1998) 803 – C4-0242/1998 – 1998/0106(COD) – formerly 1998/0106(SYN))
- (q) on 15 April 1999² on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Council Directive 92/106/EEC on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States – 98/0226 (SYN) – Proposal for a Council Directive amending Council Directive 96/53/EC, laying down for certain road vehicles circulating within the Community the maximum authorised dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorised weights in international traffic – 98/0227 (SYN).
(COM(1998)414 – C4-0485/1998 – 1998/0226(COD) – formerly 1998/0226(SYN) -
- 1998/0227 (COD) – formerly 1998/0227(SYN))

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

¹ OJ C 341, 9.11.98, p. 11.

² OJ C 150, 28.5.99, p. 611.