

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 set up by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1018/68 of 19 July 1968¹.

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3164/76 of 16 December 1976² ceased to set a time limit on this system. This Regulation also provides that any increase in the Community quota and the allocation to the Member States of the extra authorizations resulting therefrom shall be decided by the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, by 30 November of each year.

2. In view of:

- a) the need to make progress in respect of Community integration of transport, particularly road traffic between Member States, which would make it easier to eliminate inequalities of treatment among carriers and which would, at the same time, encourage trade,
- b) the fact that the Community quota system is one of the instruments of such integration, but that its efficiency depends on its impact on the transports in question,
- c) the extremely intensive utilization of the Community authorizations (in 1977 the average utilization of an authorization - 1 649 700 t/km - increased again),
- d) the fact that a 6% increase in trade between Member States may be expected in 1980 and that in that year the switch-over to road transport - which has been observed for years - is likely to amount to 6% (a fact which should lead to an increase of at least 10% in the Community quota in view of the 2.5% annual increase in the average utilization of authorizations over the last five years),
- e) the fact that it is necessary to provide for an increase in the quota (which may be set at 10%) so as to replace bilateral quotas gradually,
- f) the fact that the Member States are still able to correct any mistaken estimates as regards the increase in the Community quota when bilateral quotas are adapted,

it is necessary to make a 20% increase in the Community quota for 1980.

¹OJ L No 175 of 23 July 1968, page 13.

²OJ L No 357 of 29 December 1976, page 1.

3. As regards the allocation of the extra authorizations, it appears appropriate to follow the usual formula: 50% of the quota increase would be allocated on the basis of the degree of utilization of the Community authorizations in 1977, while the other half would be allocated on a linear basis.

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on the Community quota for the carriage
of goods by road between Member States

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 Commission¹,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament²,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee³,

Whereas the setting up of a common transport policy involves, inter alia, the establishment of common rules applicable to the carriage of goods by road between Member States; whereas such rules must be formulated in such a way as to contribute to the implementation of a common transport market,

Whereas the system of Community authorizations for the carriage of goods by road between Member States contributes towards the establishment of a Community-wide transport market to which all the Member States' road haulage operators can have equal access without discrimination as to nationality,

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Whereas there is increasingly intensive utilization of existing Community authorizations; whereas trade between Member States is developing constantly; whereas part of this traffic is regularly being switched to the roads; whereas it is necessary gradually to replace bilateral authorizations by Community authorizations; whereas it is accordingly necessary to increase the volume of the Community quota, as provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3164/76 on the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States¹, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3062/78²,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 3164/76¹ is amended as follows:

Article 3(1) and (2) shall read as follows:

1. The Community quota shall consist of 3 750 authorizations for 1980.
2. The number of Community authorizations allocated to each Member State shall be as follows:

Belgium:	413
Denmark:	286
Federal Republic of Germany:	687
France:	625
Ireland:	76
Italy:	540
Luxembourg:	107
Netherlands:	597
United Kingdom:	419

¹OJ L No 357 of 29 December 1976, page 1.

²OJ L No 366 of 28 December 1978, page 5.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1980.

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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