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Freedom of establishment for transport auxiliaries

On 20 December 1965 the Commission adopted and submitted to the Council two proposals for directives relating to the lifting of restrictions on freedom of establishment and freedom to supply services, and to certain supplementary transitional measures, concerning:

- (a) most transport auxiliaries (carriers, brokers, forwarding agents, customs officers, truck hirers, etc.);
- (b) travel agents;
- (c) warehousemen.

The abolition of discrimination will, however, mean that for some of the sectors affected by the first directive distortions of competition will still persist because of the different regulations obtaining in the Member States; transitional measures will therefore be required pending co-ordination of these. Consequently, another proposed directive laying down transitional measures has been submitted in order to facilitate access to the professions mentioned above and overcome the serious difficulties arising from discrepancies between the different countries' legislation.

Before adopting the two directives (by qualified majority), the Council must refer them to the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee.
