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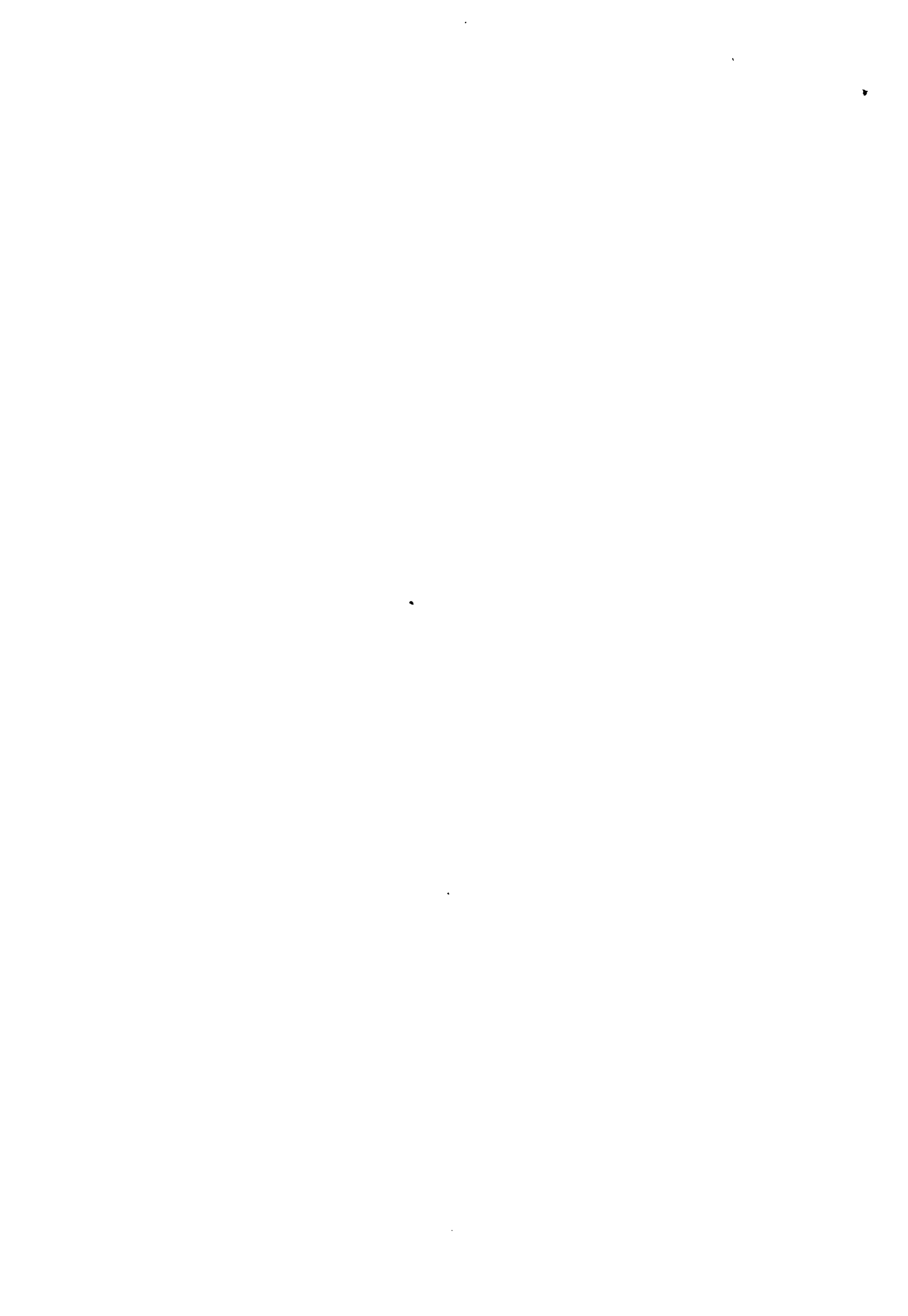
548th Council meeting

- Transport -

Brussels, 23 November 1978

President: Mr Kurt GSCHIEDLE,

Federal Minister of Transport
and of Posts and Telecommunications
of the Federal Republic of Germany



The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

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Mr POPPE

Director-General,
Ministry of Transport

Denmark:

Mr Arne CHRISTIANSEN

Minister of Commerce

Mr Ivar HANSEN

Minister of Public Works

Federal Republic of Germany:

Mr Kurt GSCHEIDLE

Federal Minister of Transport
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Mr Heinz RUHNAU

State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Transport

France:

Mr Joël LE THEULE

Minister for Transport

Ireland:

Mr Tom FITZPATRICK

Minister of State,
Ministry of Posts & Telegraphs,
Transport and Energy

Italy:

Mr Vittorino COLOMBO

Minister for Transport and
Shipping

Luxembourg:

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Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr D.S. TUINMAN

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Water Control and Public Works

Mrs N. SMIT-KROES

State Secretary,
Ministry of Transport, Water
Control and Public Works

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Transport

Mr Stanley CLINTON DAVIS

Parliamentary Under-Secretary
of State,
Department of Trade

Mr John HORAM

Parliamentary Under-Secretary
of State, Department of
Transport

Commission:

Mr Richard BURKE

Member

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SAFETY AT SEA

The Council approved a series of measures designed to improve safety at sea, particularly in the light of the serious accidents which have occurred recently off the coasts of the Member States of the Community.

Firstly, the Council agreed to the Recommendation on the ratification of the 1978 International Convention on the Training, Certification and Watch-keeping of Seafarers, encouraging the Member States to sign this Convention by 1 April 1979 and to ratify it by 31 December 1980.

Secondly, the Council agreed to the Directive concerning the pilotage of vessels by deep sea pilots operating in the North Sea and the English Channel. The purpose of this Directive is to raise the qualifications of deep sea pilots operating in the North Sea and the English Channel and to encourage vessels flying the flag of Member States of the Community to use such pilots.

In the same context, the Council agreed to encourage the use of such pilots on board vessels flying the flag of a third country by means of similar action within the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO).

Thirdly, the Council agreed to the Directive concerning the minimum requirements for certain tankers entering or leaving Community ports.

This Directive stipulates that all tankers of more than 1,600 gross registered tons entering or leaving Community ports must:

- contact the competent authorities of the Member State concerned;
- fill in a check list;
- use the services by radar and radio stations, and
- report any incident which may affect safety at sea.

It also stipulates that if a Member State becomes aware of a hazard for a given sea area, it must warn the other Member States concerned as quickly as possible.

Finally, the Council adopted a statement concerning the Memorandum of Understanding of 2 March 1978 (The Hague Memorandum) between certain maritime authorities on the maintenance of standards on board merchant ships.

This Memorandum, which is an administrative agreement between maritime authorities, provides for uniform and concerted surveillance procedures in the ports of the countries participating, applicable to all ships of whatever flag, and also for exchanges of information between maritime authorities designed to ensure, by appropriate action in the event of any shortcomings, that on board ships visiting these ports no conditions exist which are clearly hazardous to the safety of the ship or the health of the crew.

At present, six Member States - Belgium, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom - participate in The Hague Memorandum, and the Council welcomed the fact that Ireland and Italy had announced their intention of participating in it shortly.

The Council and the Commission also considered it necessary to harmonize at Community level the checks carried out on board ships by the competent authorities of the Member States to ensure that the international agreements on the safety of shipping and the prevention of pollution are effectively applied.

In this connection, the Council confirmed its intention of examining without delay the Commission proposal aimed at making compulsory the vessel-surveillance procedures which have been the subject of resolutions of the Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, so that a decision can be taken on it as soon as possible.

MANHEIM CONVENTION

The Council adopted a Decision on the adoption by certain Member States of the European Economic Community of an Additional Protocol to the revised Convention for the Navigation of the Rhine of 17 October 1968 as it stood at 20 November 1963 and on the accession of the European Economic Community to that Convention.

Under this Decision, the Additional Protocol to the Act of Manheim will enable the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine to lay down the conditions under which barges from third countries might be authorized to carry goods and persons between two points situated on the waterways of the Rhine basin. The Council Decision contains a procedure for prior decisions within the Council on matters concerning such Rhine transport.

Following discussion of the matter, the Council agreed to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine certain as yet unclarified aspects of the Commission proposal of 24 February 1977, in particular those connected with the possible accession of the Community to the Act of Manheim.

NOISE EMISSION FROM SUBSONIC AIRCRAFT

The Council took note of an interim report from the Presidency on the work in progress on the proposal for a Directive on the limitation of noise emission from subsonic aircraft by a system of noise certification.

The Council agreed to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its work so that the Council could take a decision at an early date.

WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS

The Council held a substantive discussion on the weights and dimensions of commercial road vehicles, covering both the road safety and environmental aspects and the more strictly economic aspects. The delegations were able to express their views on this subject and to situate these views in a broader context.

At the close of its discussions, the Council agreed to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare the Council's subsequent work in the light of today's discussions by continuing its examination of such relevant proposals in this field as the Commission might forward.

INFORMATION ON SHIPPING

The Council agreed in principle to the Decision concerning the collection of information on the activities of carriers participating in cargo liner traffic in certain areas of operation.

Under this Decision the Member States are obliged to collect information from all carriers participating in shipping lines serving East Africa and Central America. The information concerns the liner services operated (name of the company, vessels, conference participation, etc.), the cargo carried (flag, liner cargo in the country of departure, loading, origin or dispatch, specification of products, etc.) and the value of the cargo transported and information on transport prices.

This information is to be supplied to the Commission every six months over a period of eighteen months beginning 1 January 1979 so that it can assess the need to apply counter-measures.

A formal decision on the matter will be taken after examination of the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee, which is expected on 29 November 1978, and following finalization of the text by the Permanent Representatives Committee.

COMMUNITY DRIVING LICENCE

The Council discussed in detail the proposal for a Directive on the harmonization of the laws relating to motor vehicle driving licences, during which the United Kingdom delegation suggested that the scope of the Directive be restricted initially to cars and motor cycles.

Following this suggestion, the Council agreed to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its work on this matter in the light of today's discussions so as to enable the Council to take a decision on the Community driving licence at its next meeting on transport.

TAXES ON COMMERCIAL ROAD VEHICLES

Continuing the discussions at its meeting on 12 June 1978, from which a consensus emerged on the main aspects of the first Directive on the adjustment of national taxation systems for commercial road vehicles ⁽¹⁾, the Council isolated the remaining unresolved points and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine them in greater detail so that the Council could take a decision at a forthcoming meeting.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release 731/78 (Presse 78) of 12.VI.78

COMBINED RAIL/ROAD CARRIAGE

The Council held an exchange of views on the common rules for certain types of combined rail/road carriage of goods between Member States, following which it agreed in principle to

- maintain permanently in force the common rules for certain types of combined road/rail carriage, which are due to expire on 31 December 1978;
- introduce, on an experimental basis, certain amendments such as the extension of the scope of the common rules to container carriage.

A formal decision on this matter will be taken after an examination of the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee, which is expected on 29 November 1978, and finalization of the text by the Permanent Representatives Committee.

LINER CONFERENCES

The Council held a substantive discussion on possible accession to the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences and the major problems which were raised during the examination of this dossier.

Following its discussions, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its work on the matter so that the Council could conclude it in the very near future.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

On the basis of the interim report by the Chairman of the Permanent Representatives Committee the Council held a general discussion on the proposal for a Council Regulation on support for projects of Community interest in transport infrastructure.

The Council emphasized the importance it attached to a rapid advancement of work on the matter.

Several delegations stressed the advantages of speedily specifying the projects which might be eligible for Community intervention under this procedure and the details of such intervention.

To this end, the Council invited the Commission to submit to it by 1 January 1980 a report on the bottlenecks in transport infrastructures and on the various possible modes of finance.

The Council invited the Commission, in collaboration with the Committee on Infrastructures, to evolve criteria for evaluating projects of Community interest.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the proposals in question in the light of the outcome of today's discussions.

COMMUNITY QUOTA

The Council reached consensus on the increase in the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States.

The present Community quota will be increased by 10% in the light in particular of the growth in trade between Member States in 1977 and the widespread use of Community authorizations that year. Half of the increase will be allocated on a linear basis and the other half on the basis of the rate of utilization of authorizations in 1977.

In conclusion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare a text setting forth the Council's approval so that a formal decision could be taken as soon as possible.

ACCOUNTS OF RAILWAY UNDERTAKINGS

Following an exchange of views on the proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1192/69 on common rules for the normalization of the accounts of railway undertakings, the Council noted that there were still differences of opinion on the matter and accordingly instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the questions outstanding, so that the Council could act on the issue at its next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS ON TRANSPORT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 76/135/EEC on reciprocal recognition of navigability licences for inland waterway vessels. This amendment extends until 1 January 1980 the date for adopting the common provisions on the technical requirements for inland waterway vessels.

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The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 516/72 on the introduction of common rules for shuttle services by coach and bus between Member States. This amendment makes it possible for Member States whose territory is crossed in transit to waive the requirement for copies of applications for permits to operate a shuttle service by coach or bus.

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The Council approved the Decision concerning the Community's acceptance of Resolution No 212 (revised) of the Economic Commission for Europe relating to the facilitation of health and quality inspection in the international carriage of goods by rail as regards traffic between the Community and third countries signatories to the Resolution.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISION

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the procedure for applying the European unit of account (EUA) to legal acts adopted in the customs sphere.

As the former unit of account, which was based on a given weight of fine gold, was no longer consistent with the monetary agreements concluded by Member States, the Council acknowledged the need to lay down another definition, which, as a result of the specific constraints of customs organization, will enter into force on 1 January 1979.

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NOTE BIO(78) 424 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, A M. BURGHARDT, DG I ET A M. LECOMTE,
DG VIII

CONSEIL TRANSPORTS (J. CARROLL)

LE CONSEIL TRANSPORTS SE TIENDRA LES 23/24 NOVEMBRE A BRUXELLES.
12 POINTS FIGURENT A L'ORDRE DU JOUR COUVRANT ESSENTIELLEMENT
LES VOLETS MARITIMES, INFRASTRUCTURE, ET ROUTES.

VOICI QUELQUES INDICATIONS SUR LES POINTS LES PLUS IMPORTANTS:
UNE SERIE DE FICHES D'INFORMATION SUR CHAQUE POINT A ETE
PREPAREE PAR LA DG VII, SERA DIFFUSEE AUX JOURNALISTES ACCREDITES
AUJOURD'HUI, ET VOUS SERA TRANSMISE PAR EXPRES.

VOLET MARITIME

LE CONSEIL S'EFFORCERA D'APPROUVER QUATRE PROPOSITIONS CONCERNANT
LA SECURITE EN MER ET QUI FONT SUITE A LA CATASTROPHE

'AMOCO CADIZ' VOIR LA NOTE P-117 POUR LES PROPOSITIONS SUR LE
GUIDAGE DES NAVIRES PAR DES PILOTES ET SUR LES CONDITIONS POUR
L'ENTREE ET LA SORTIE DANS LES PORTS COMMUNAUTAIRES DE CERTAINS
BATEAUX-CITERNES. LES DEUX AUTRES PROPOSITIONS CONCERNENT LA
RATIFICATION DE LA CONVENTION INTERNATIONALE DE 1978 SUR LES
NORMES DE FORMATION DES GENS DE MER ET LE MEMORANDUM D'ENTENTE
(NORTH SEA AGREEMENT) SUR LE MAINTIEN DES NORMES A BORD DES
NAVIRES DE COMMERCE.

CODE DE CONDUITE

IL S'AGIT TOUJOURS DE PARVENIR A UNE DECISION UNANIME DU CONSEIL
SUR L'ADHESION DE LA COMMUNAUTE A LA CONVENTION DES NATIONS
UNIES RELATIVE A UN CODE DE CONDUITE DES CONFERENCES MARITIMES.
VOIR P-121 DE DECEMBRE 1977 POUR LE BACKGROUND. IL EXISTE
UNE RESERVE GENERALE DU ROYAUME-UNI QUI PREFERE DE NE PAS
APPLIQUER LA TOTALITE DU CODE DANS LES TRAFICS ENTRE LES PAYS
DE L'OCDE TANDIS QUE LES AUTRES ETATS MEMBRES SONT PRETS A
ACCEPTER LE COMPROMIS DE LA COMMISSION DE LIMITER LA NON-
APPLICATION A LA SEULE REGLE DITE '40/40/20' SUR LE
PARTAGE DES CARGAISONS.

ACTIVITES DES TRANSPORTEURS MARITIMES DANS CERTAINES ZONES

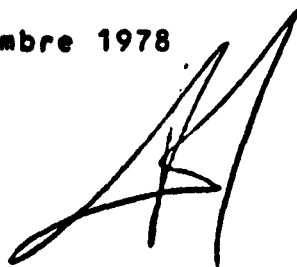
CETTE PROPOSITION FAIT SUITE A LA DECISION DU DERNIER CONSEIL
TRANSPORTS CONCERNANT LA SURVEILLANCE DES ACTIVITES DE CERTAINS
PAYS TIERS DANS LE DOMAINE DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES. VOIR P-39.
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Le 22 novembre 1978

M. SANTARELLI



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IL S'AGIT MAINTENANT D'APPLIQUER CETTE DECISION CADRE AUX TRAFICS OPERANT SUR CERTAINES ROUTES OU LA CONCURRENCE SOVIETIQUE EST PARTICULIEREMENT PREOCCUPANTE C.A.DIRE ENTRE LA CEE ET L'AFRIQUE ORIENTALE ET L'AMERIQUE CENTRALE (VOIR BIO(78)375 DU 18 OCTOBRE 1978.

CONVENTION POUR LA NAVIGATION DU RHIN (ACTE DE MANNHEIM)

LE CONSEIL POURSUIVRA LA DISCUSSION ENTAMEE LORS DU DERNIER CONSEIL SUR L'ADHESION EVENTUELLE DE LA COMMUNAUTE A CETTE CONVENTION QUI DEVRA ETRE AMENDEE EN VUE DE LA LIAISON RHIN-MAIN-DANUBE EN 1985.

PERMIS DE CONDUIRE EUROPEEN

A LA SUITE DE L'ACCORD DE PRINCIPES MARQUE PAR LE CONSEIL LES 20/21 DECEMBRE 1977 SUR L'INSTAURATION D'UN PERMIS DE CONDUIRE COMMUNAUTAIRE LES TRAVAUX QUI SE SONT POURSUIVIS CETTE ANNEE PERMETTENT DE SOUMETTRE A L'APPROBATION DES MINISTRES UN PROJET DE PREMIERE DIRECTIVE QUI PREVOIT PRINCIPALEMENT:

■ LA DELIVRANCE PAR CHAQUE ETAT MEMBRE, A PARTIR DU 1ER JANVIER 1982, DE PERMIS DE CONDUIRE NATIONAUX ETABLIS SUIVANT UN MODELE COMMUNAUTAIRE,

■ POUR LES NOUVEAUX CONDUCTEURS LA POSSIBILITE D'OBTENIR APRES CETTE DATE CE MODELE COMMUNAUTAIRE A DES CONDITIONS MINIMALES HARMONISEES D'AGE, D'EXAMENS THEORIQUES ET PRATIQUES ET DE NORMES MEDICALES.

■ POUR LES RESSORTISSANTS D'UN ETAT MEMBRE QUI TRANSFERENT LEUR RESIDENCE DANS UN AUTRE ETAT MEMBRE, ET QUI SONT DEJA TITULAIRES D'UN PERMIS, LA POSSIBILITE D'ECHANGER, SANS AVOIR A PASSER D'EXAMEN, LEUR PERMIS CONTRE LE PERMIS NATIONAL DU MODELE COMMUNAUTAIRE DE L'ETAT DE LEUR NOUVELLE RESIDENCE.

LE ROYAUME-UNI MAINTIENT UNE RESERVE GENERALE SUR CETTE PROPOSITION.

POIDS ET DIMENSIONS

LE PROJET DE DIRECTIVE SUR L'HARMONISATION DES POINDS ET DIMENSIONS DES VEHICULES UTILITAIRES DATE DE 1971 ET LA DERNIERE DISCUSSION EN CONSEIL AVAIT LIEU FIN 1975. LE VOLET "POIDS" RESTE TOUJOURS BLOQUE MAIS LA PRESIDENCE ALLEMANDE AFIN DE FAIRE QUELQUE PROGRES A PROPOSE DE TRAITER SEPAREMENT LE VOLET MOINS DIFFICILE DE "DIMENSIONS".////

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INFRASTRUCTURES

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CETTE PROPOSITION VISE A PERMETTRE L'OCTROI DU SOUTIEN FINANCIER DE LA COMMUNAUTE A LA REALISATION DE PROJETS IMPORTANTS DANS LE DOMAINE DES INFRASTRUCTURES QUI AURONT ETE SELECTIONNES DANS LE CADRE DE LA PROCEDURE DE CONSULTATION DECIDEE PAR LE CONSEIL EN DECEMBRE 1977. SELON LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION, L'OCTROI DU SOUTIEN COMMUNAUTAIRE AUX PROJETS SERAIT DECIDE DANS LE CADRE DE LA PROCEDURE BUDGETAIRE MAIS QUELQUES ETATS MEMBRES PREFERENT QUE CE SOUTIEN SOIT DECIDE PAR LE CONSEIL A L'UNANIMITE.

TAXES SUR LES VEHICULES UTILITAIRES

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LORS DU DERNIER CONSEIL TRANSPORTS, LES MINISTRES ONT MARQUE LEUR ACCORD DE PRINCIPE SUR LA PREMIERE DIRECTIVE RELATIVE A L'AMENAGEMENT DES SYSTEMES NATIONAUX DE TAXES SUR LES VEHICULES UTILITAIRES. POUR LES DETAILS VOIR LE COMMUNIQUE DE PRESSE DU CONSEIL PAGE 18. CET ACCORD ETAIT SUBORDONNE A LA MISE AU POINT D'UNE 'CLAUDE DEROGATOIRE' PERMETTANT A L'ITALIE ET AUX PAYS BAS D'APPLIQUER LA DIRECTIVE DE MANIERE PROGRESSIVE. IL RESTE A VOIR SI LES AUTRES ETATS MEMBRES PEUVENT ACCEPTER CES DEROGATIONS DANS LA FORME PROPOSEE.

CONTINGENT COMMUNAUTAIRE

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LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION VISE A AUGMENTER DE 20% LE VOLUME ACTUEL DES AUTORISATIONS COMMUNAUTAIRES DE TRANSPORTS DE MARCHANDISES PAR ROUTE QUI COUVRENT SEULEMENT 4 POUR CENT DU NOMBRE TOTAL D'AUTORISATIONS ACCORDEES PAR LES ETATS MEMBRES. VOIR BIO(78)280 DU 24.7.78.

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M. SANTARELLI COMEUR 12H00
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BIO(78)424 SUITE 1 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, A M. BURGHARDT, DG I ET A M. LECOMTE
DG VIII

CONSEIL TRANSPORTS (J.CARROLL)

LE CONSEIL S'EST OUVERT SOUS LA PRESIDENCE DE M.GESCHIEDLE A
11 HEURES APRES UNE REUNION RESTREINTE ENTRE LES MINISTRES.
LE CONSEIL A IMMEDIATEMENT ABORDE LE VOLET MARITIME.
POUR LE POINT 'CODE DE CONDUITE', ON A ETABLI UN GROUPE DE
TRAVAIL POUR L'EXAMEN DES PROBLEMES PLUTOT TECHNIQUES QUI
RESTENT A RESOUDRE AVANT D'ARRIVER A UN ACCORD UNANIME.

SECURITE MARITIME

LE CONSEIL A ENSUITE PASSE AUX QUATRE PROPOSITIONS DANS LE DO-
MAINE DE LA SECURITE MARITIME. LES MINISTRES ONT RAPIDEMENT
DONNE LEUR ACCORD A: 1) LA RECOMMANDATION POUR LA RATIFICATION
DE LA CONVENTION INTERNATIONALE DE 1978 SUR LES NORMES DE
FORMATION DES GENS DE MER;
2) LA DIRECTIVE SUR LE GUIDAGE DES NAVIRES PAR DES PILOTES DE
HAUTE MER DANS LA MANCHE ET LA MER DU NORD;
3) LA DIRECTIVE SUR LES CONDITIONS POUR L'ENTREE ET LA SORTIE
DANS LES PORTS COMMUNAUTAIRES DE CERTAINS BATEAUX-CITERNES.

EN CE QUI CONCERNE LE MEMORANDUM D'ENTENTE SUR LE MAINTIEN DES
NORMES A BORD DE NAVIRES DE COMMERCE, L'ITALIE ET L'IRLANDE
ONT INDIQUE LEUR INTENTION DE SUIVRE LES AUTRES PAYS DE LA
COMMUNAUTE (SAUF LE LUXEMBOURG QUI N'A PAS ENCORE UN PORT) ET
D'Y-ADHERER. LE CONSEIL A PRIS ACTE QUE LA COMMISSION LUI A
DEJA TRANSMIS UNE PROPOSITION VISANT A RENDRE OBLIGATOIRE LES
MESURES D'INSPECTION DANS LES PORTS COMMUNAUTAIRES.
DIS. M. BURKE, POUR LA COMMISSION, AVAIT DEMANDE AU CONSEIL
DE REPORTER SON ADOPTION FORMELLE DES DEUX DIRECTIVES CI-DESSUS
AU SUJET DU GUIDAGE ET SUR LES BATEAUX-CITERNES AFIN DE
PERMETTRE AU PARLEMENT ET AU COMITE ECONOMIQUE ET SOCIAL DE
DONNER RAPIDEMENT LEURS AVIS MAIS LE CONSEIL A REJETE CETTE
DEMANDE ET A EXERCE SON DROIT SELON L'ARTICLE 84.2 DU TRAITE
DE STATUER A L'UNANIMITE SANS CONSULTATION PREALABLE DU
PARLEMENT ET DU CES. FIN DIS.

ACTIVITES DES TRANSPORTEURS MARITIMES DANS CERTAINES ZONES

CE PROJET DE DECISION VISE A RECUEILLIR, EN VUE DE SONDER
LA NECESSITE D'APPLIQUER LES CONTRE-MESURES PREVUES PAR LA
DECISION CADRE PRISE PAR LE CONSEIL EN JUIN, DES INFORMATIONS
SUR LE COMPORTEMENT DE TOUS LES TRANSPORTEURS MARITIMES ////

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23.11.78

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NOTE BIO (78) 424 SUITE 2 ET FIN AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, A M. BURGHARDT, DG I ET A M. LECOMTE,
DG VIII

CONSEIL TRANSPORTS (J.CARROLL)

LE CONSEIL S'EST TERMINE VERS 22H30 HIER SOIR: TOUS LES
POINTS A L'ORDRE DU JOUR AYANT ETE TRAITES, LA SESSION
PREVUE POUR AUJOURD'HUI A ETE ANNULEE.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES

SUITE AUX TRAVAUX DU GROUPE DE TRAVAIL, LE CONSEIL A MARQUE
SON ACCORD DE PRINCIPE SUR LA DECISION CONCERNANT LE RECUEIL
D'INFORMATIONS SUR LES ACTIVITES DES TRANSPORTEURS PARTICIPANT
AUX TRANSPORTS MARITIMES DESSERVANT L'AFRIQUE ORIENTALE ET
L'AMERIQUE CENTRALE. CES INFORMATIONS SERONT TRANSMISES A LA
COMMISSION TOUS LES SIX MOIS PENDANT UNE PERIODE DE 18 MOIS
A PARTIR DU 1ER JANVIER 1979 AFIN QUE CELLE-CI PUISSE APPRECIER
LA NECESSITE D'APPLIQUER DES CONTRE-MESURES EVENTUELLES.

INFRASTRUCTURES

SUITE A UN DEBAT GENERAL LE CONSEIL A INVITE LA COMMISSION
A LUI PRESENTER, AU PLUS TARD LE 1ER JANVIER 1980, UN RAPPORT
CONCERNANT LES GOULOTS D'ETRANGLEMENT DANS LES INFRASTRUCTURES
DE TRANSPORT AINSI QUE SUR LES DIFFERENTES MODALITES.

M. BURKE A INFORME LE CONSEIL QUE LA COMMISSION VA LUI
TRANSMETTRE AU DEBUT DE L'ANNEE PROCHAINE UN "PAPIER VERT" SUR
LES INFRASTRUCTURES. LE CONSEIL A AUSSI INVITE LE COREPER A
POURUIVRE SES TRAVAUX SUR LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION
VISANT A PERMETTRE L'OCTROI DU SOUTIEN FINANCIER DE LA
COMMUNAUTE A LA REALISATION DE PROJETS IMPORTANTS.

CONTINGENT COMMUNAUTAIRE

LA COMMISSION AVAIT PROPOSE UNE AUGMENTATION DE 20 POUR CENT
DU VOLUME DU CONTINGENT COMMUNAUTAIRE POUR LES TRANSPORTS DE
MARCHANDISES PAR ROUTE ENTRE ETATS MEMBRES. SUITE A UN DEBAT
PENIBLE AU COURS DUQUEL LES DELEGATIONS ITALIENNE ET
ALLEMANDE AVAIENT D'ABORD REFUSE TOUTE AUGMENTATION, LE CONSEIL
A REUSSE A S'ACCORDER SUR UNE AUGMENTATION DE 10 POUR CENT
REPARTIE POUR 50 POUR CENT DE MANIERE LINEAIRE ET POUR
50 POUR CENT EN FONCTION DU DEGRE D'UTILISATION EN 1977.////

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le 24 novembre 1978

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CONVENTION DE MANNHEIM

LE CONSEIL A ARRETE UNE DECISION CONCERNANT L'ADOPTION PAR CERTAINS ETATS MEMBRES D'UN PROTOCOLE ADDITIONNEL A LA CONVENTION REVISEE POUR LA NAVIGATION DU RHIN DE 1868 ET L'ADHESION DE LA COMMUNAUTE A CETTE CONVENTION (LES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES A LA CONVENTION SONT : LA BELGIQUE, LA REPUBLIQUE FEDERALE D'ALLEMAGNE, LA FRANCE, LES PAYS BAS, LE ROYAUME-UNI ET LA SUISSE).

AUX TERMES DE CETTE DECISION, LE PROTOCOLE ADDITIONNEL A L'ACTE DE MANNHEIM CONTIENDRA LA FACULTE POUR LA COMMISSION CENTRALE POUR LA NAVIGATION DU RHIN DE FIXER LES CONDITIONS DANS LESQUELLES POURRAIENT ETRE AUTORISES LES BATIMENTS DES PAYS TIERS A EFFECTUER LES TRANSPORTS DE MARCHANDISES ET DE PERSONNES ENTRE DEUX POINTS SITUES SUR LES VOIES NAVIGABLES DU BASSIN RHENAN. LA DECISION DU CONSEIL COMPORTE UNE PROCEDURE DE DECISION PREALABLE AU SEIN DU CONSEIL POUR LES QUESTIONS CONCERNANT CES TRANSPORTS SUR LE RHIN.

A L'ISSUE DU DEBAT RELATIF A CE SUJET, LE CONSEIL EST CONVENU DE CHARGER LE COMITE DES REPRESENTANTS PERMANENTS DE L'EXAMEN DE CERTAINS ELEMENTS DE LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION DU 24 FEVRIER 1977 QUI N'ONT PAS ENCORE ETE CLARIFIEES NOTAMMENT LES QUESTIONS AYANT TRAIT A UNE EVENTUELLE ADHESION DE LA COMMUNAUTE A L'ACTE DE MANNHEIM. DIS. M. BURKE A ATTIRE L'ATTENTION

DU CONSEIL SUR LE FAIT QUE LA DECISION QU'IL VIENT DE PRENDRE POSE LE PROBLEME DE LA COMPATIBILITE AVEC LE TRAITE A LA LUMIERE DE LA JURISPRUDENCE DE LA COUR. LA COMMISSION PARTAGE PLEINEMENT LES OBJECTIFS VISES PAR LES ETATS MEMBRES C'EST A DIRE LA NECESSITE D'EVITER LA DISRUPTION DES TRANSPORTS RHENANS, PAR DES FLOTTES DES PAYS DE L'EST APRES L'OUVERTURE DE LA LIAISON FLUVIALE RHIN-DANUBE EN 1985, ET DONC LA NECESSITE D'ETABLIR UN PROTOCOLE ADDITIONNEL EN VUE DE REGLEMENTER RESTRICTIVEMENT L'ACCES AU RHIN DES BATEAUX DE PAYS TIERS. SELON L'ACTE DE MANNHEIM LE LIBRE ACCES POUR TOUS EST GARANTI. CEPENDANT, VU QUE LE PROTOCOLE ADDITIONNEL DANS SA FORME ACTUELLE PREVOIT L'EXERCICE DE COMPETENCES COMMUNAUTAIRES PAR CINQ ETATS MEMBRES AU SEIN DE LA COMMISSION CENTRALE POUR LA NAVIGATION DU RHIN (C.C.R.) AINSI QUE DE LA NAVIGATION ET DE LA CONCLUSION PAR CES MEMES ETATS MEMBRES D'ACCORDS BILATERAUX AVEC DES PAYS TIERS DANS DES DOMAINES DE COMPETENCE COMMUNAUTAIRE, LA COMMISSION AVAIT PROPOSE L'ADHESION DE LA COMMUNAUTE A LA CONVENTION DE MANNHEIM.////

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■ LA DECISION PRISE HIER PAR LE CONSEIL N'EXCLUT PAS L'ADHESION
EVENTUELLE DE LA COMMUNAUTE A LA CONVENTION MAIS LA PROPOSITION
DE LA COMMISSION D'UNE FORMULE QUI ASSURERAIT LA CONFORMITE DE
LA DECISION AVEC LE TRAITE N'A PAS ETE ACCEPTEE PAR LE CONSEIL
ET C'EST POUR CETTE RAISON QUE M. BURKE A FAIT SON INTERVENTION.
LA SITUATION EST DONC DELICATE ET JE VOUS PRIE D'ETRE PRUDENT
DANS VOS CONTACTS AVEC LA PRESSE ET DE NE PAS DRAMATISER L'AFL
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AUTRES POINTS

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DES AUTRES POINTS A L'ORDRE DU JOUR ONT ETE RENVOYES AU
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