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UETR Position

INTRODUCTION

UETR is the European umbrella organization representing and defending the interests of more than 200.000 road transport undertakings (mostly Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) from Western and Eastern EU Member States associations, with a total capacity of more than 430.000 commercial vehicles¹.

This document provides UETR position on the European Commission's proposal to review Directive 2006/1/EC on the use of vehicles hired without drivers for the carriage of goods by road.²

THE EC PROPOSAL - UETR COMMENTS

Art. 1.1 of the Proposal

UETR supports the introduction of a time frame to limit the time of use on MS of a vehicle hired in a Member State other than the one where the undertaking hiring it is established. UETR supports 6 months instead of

¹ Within the Union, 95% of the road haulage companies are micro-enterprises with less than 10 employees (small firms or one-man operations).

² COM/2017/0282 final - 2017/0113 (COD)

4 months period, and no renewal to prevent abuses - otherwise, the tenant should be required to adjust his financial capacity in the case of a lease of more than 6 months.

The rule should also cover national rental companies.

Moreover, a European database should be developed, such as the existing VIES (VAT Information Exchange System) database for VAT numbers, where it would be possible to control all transport permits³.

Art 1.2 of the Proposal

UETR does not agree on the full exclusion of transport on own account and support the current limitation (MS may exclude the possibility to hire vehicles for own account companies using vehicles on hired vehicles of more than 6 tons). Transport for own account represents a major (mostly unregulated) share of inland transport. This way the proposal as it is would grow this kind of transport responsible of more than 50% of empty return trucks (and 70 % urban transport), with a negative impact on environment and congestion.

³ http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/vies/