COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 12 June 1978

on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods by road, as part of regional statistics

(78/546/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 213 thereof,

Having regard to the draft Directive submitted by the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (2),

Whereas the development of the common transport policy calls for a better knowledge of the scale and development of the carriage of goods by road by means of vehicles registered in the Community; whereas the data must be comparable with that for other means of transport and must refer to both national and international transport;

Whereas the Member States already compile statistical data, at annual or multiannual intervals, on goods traffic within their own territory;

Whereas Directive 69/467/EEC (3) provides for the compilation of statistical returns, to be made on the basis of regional statistics, in respect of international carriage of goods by road; whereas the report on the implementation of this Directive submitted by the Commission to the Council on 27 June 1974 indicates that several Member States can only compile the data requested by means of supplementary formalities at frontiers; whereas these Member States should be allowed to dispense with compilation of statistical data at frontiers, as is implicitly provided for in that Directive;

Whereas the system set out in Directive 69/467/EEC should therefore be revised;

Whereas provision should be made for such amendment of this Directive as may prove necessary in the light of experience acquired over a suitable period, particularly as regards the compilation of data on the main flows of goods between the regions of the Community in the form of international traffic and for any statistical returns still compiled at frontiers within the Community to cease,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

This Directive shall apply to carriage of goods by road by means of vehicles registered in a Member State:

(a) in the territory of that Member State (hereinafter referred to as 'national transport');

(b) between that Member State and another Member State or a non-Member State (hereinafter referred to as 'international transport').

Article 2

1. For the purpose of this Directive the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them:

(a) 'carriage of goods by road': all transport of goods by means of a commercial motor vehicle;

(b) 'commercial motor vehicle': any single vehicle or coupled combination of vehicles, such as a lorry with or without trailer, or a tractor vehicle with trailer or semi-trailer;

(c) 'registered': the state of having been entered in a register of commercial motor vehicles kept by an official body, whether or not such registration is combined with the issue of a registration plate.

2. This Directive shall not apply to carriage of goods by road by means of:

(a) commercial motor vehicles whose weight or dimensions exceed the normal permitted limits;

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(1) OJ No C 108, 8. 5. 1978, p. 56.
(2) Opinion delivered 30 March 1978 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(3) OJ No L 323, 24. 12. 1969, p. 7.

(b) agricultural vehicles, military vehicles and vehicles used by public administrations and public services, with the exception of road vehicles used by the railway administrations.

3. Each Member State may moreover refrain from applying this Directive to vehicles whose payload or total permissible laden weight falls below a certain limit. This limit shall not exceed 3·5 tonnes payload or six tonnes total permissible laden weight.

Article 3

1. Each Member State shall compile the annual statistical data on carriage as referred to in Article 1 by vehicles registered in its territory.

2. The annual statistical data shall be broken down under the following headings:

(a) for national transport, expressed in terms of tonnes and tonne-kilometres:

— carriage on own account and carriage for hire or reward;

— the 24 groups of goods listed in Annex I;

— the following classes of length of journey: 0 to 49 kilometres, 50 to 149 kilometres, 150 to 499 kilometres, and 500 kilometres and over;

— the loading and unloading regions listed in Annex II;

(b) for international transport, expressed in terms of tonnes and tonne-kilometres:

— carriage on own account and carriage for hire or reward;

— the 24 groups of goods listed in Annex I;

— the countries of loading and unloading listed in Annex III.

3. When calculating or estimating tonne-kilometres, the distance covered by a road vehicle while being transported by another means of transport shall not be taken into account.

4. Member States shall forward to the Commission the statistical data specified in this Article in accordance with the models of the tables set out in Annex IV (models A1 to A4 and B).

Article 4

When determining the method to be used for compiling statistical data on international transport, Member States shall take account of the need to simplify the formalities connected with movement of goods within the Community as much as possible, especially the formalities to be completed at frontiers between Member States.

Articles 5

1. The statistical data specified in this Directive shall be compiled for the first time for the year 1979.

2. Member States shall each year send the Commission the tables drawn up in accordance with Article 3, before the end of the year following the reference year.

3. Due account being taken of Article 7, the Commission shall communicate to Member States, at the earliest possible date, the results of the surveys together with any other appropriate information it may have.

Article 6

1. Member States shall forward to the Commission, on or before the date on which the first results are forwarded, a detailed report on the methods used in compiling the data.

2. When determining the method to be used for compiling their data, Member States shall take the steps necessary to obtain sufficient results regarding the total tonnage carried in national and international transport. They shall provide the Commission with information each year on the non-response rate and, in the form of standard deviations or confidence intervals, on the degree of accuracy of the results regarding transport between national regions, as specified in Annex II, and transport between their territory and that of the other Member States. They shall in addition report to it on the method used in calculating the figures relating to the transport services provided, expressed in tonne-kilometres.

Article 7

Each year, the Commission shall, with the assistance of the Coordinating Committee on Transport Statistics at the Statistical Office of the European Communities, examine the statistical tables and reports submitted by the Member States pursuant to Articles 5 and 6, in order to ensure that the methods employed yield comparable results and to determine how and to what degree of detail the information provided by the Member States may be made public.

Article 8

Before 1 January 1983, the Commission shall submit a report to the Council on experience acquired in the work carried out pursuant to this Directive and shall propose any amendments necessary in the light of the

results obtained, particularly to prevent the movement of goods between Member States being systematically subject to formalities specifically designed for the purposes of applying this Directive.

Article 9

For the first three years in which the statistical returns provided for in this Directive are made, Member States shall receive a financial contribution from the Community in respect of the work involved.

Article 10

1. Member States shall take the measures necessary to comply with this Directive not later than 1 January 1979.

2. With effect from the date of entry into force in a Member State of the measures provided for in paragraph 1, Directive 69/467/EEC shall cease to apply to that Member State.

3. Directive 69/467/EEC is hereby repealed with effect from 1 January 1979.

Article 11

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 12 June 1978.

For the Council

The President

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ANNEX I

GROUPS OF GOODS

Groups of goods	NST/R (1) Chapter	NST/R (1) groups	Description
1	0	01	Cereals
2		02, 03	Potatoes, other fresh or frozen fruit and vegetables
3		00, 06	Live animals, sugar beet
4		05	Wood and cork
5		04, 09	Textiles, textile articles and man-made fibres, other raw animal and vegetable materials
6	1	11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17	Foodstuffs and animal fodder
7		18	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit and fats
8	2	21, 22, 23	Solid mineral fuels
9	3	31	Crude petroleum
10		32, 33, 34	Petroleum products
11	4	41, 46	Iron ore, iron and steel waste and blast furnace dust
12		45	Non-ferrous ores and waste
13	5	51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56	Metal products
14	6	64, 69	Cement, lime, manufactured building materials
15		61, 62, 63, 65	Crude and manufactured minerals
16	7	71, 72	Natural and chemical fertilizers
17	8	83	Coal chemicals, tar
18		81, 82, 89	Chemicals other than coal chemicals and tar
19		84	Paper pulp and waste paper
20	9	91, 92, 93	Transport equipment, machinery, apparatus, engines, whether or not assembled, and parts thereof
21		94	Manufactures of metal
22		95	Glass, glassware, ceramic products
23		96, 97	Leather, textile, clothing, other manufactured articles
24		99	Miscellaneous articles

(1) Published by the Statistical Office of the European Communities (French version 1968).

ANNEX II

LIST OF REGIONS

Belgium

Vlaams gebied, excluding Antwerpen
Antwerpen
Région wallonne
Brussels gebied/Région bruxelloise

Denmark

Danmark

Federal Republic of Germany

Schleswig-Holstein
Hamburg
Nordostteil von Niedersachsen
Westteil von Niedersachsen
Südostteil von Niedersachsen
Bremen (Land)
Nordteil von Nordrhein-Westfalen
Ruhrgebiet
Südwestteil von Nordrhein-Westfalen
Ostteil von Nordrhein-Westfalen (Sieger-Sauerland und Ostteil von Westfalen)
Nordteil von Hessen
Südteil von Hessen
Nordteil von Rheinland-Pfalz
Südteil von Rheinland-Pfalz
Nordbaden
Südbaden
Württemberg
Nordbayern (Franken)
Ostbayern (Oberpfalz und Niederbayern)
Südbayern (Schwaben und Oberbayern)
Saarland
Berlin (West)

France

Île-de-France
Champagne-Ardennes
Picardie
Haute-Normandie
Centre
Basse-Normandie
Bourgogne
Nord-Pas-de-Calais
Lorraine
Alsace
Franche-Comté
Pays de la Loire
Bretagne
Poitou-Charentes
Aquitaine
Midi-Pyrénées
Limousin
Rhône-Alpes
Auvergne
Languedoc-Roussillon
Provence-Alpes-Côtes d'Azur
Corse

Ireland

Ireland

Italy

Piemonte
Valle d'Aosta
Liguria
Lombardia
Trentino-Alto Adige
Veneto
Friuli-Venezia Giulia
Emilia-Romagna
Toscana
Umbria
Marche
Lazio
Campania
Abruzzi
Molise
Puglia
Basilicata
Calabria
Sicilia
Sardegna

Luxembourg

Luxembourg

Netherlands

Noord
West, except Rijnmond and IJmond
Rijnmond
IJmond
Zuidwest
Zuid
Oost

United Kingdom

North
Yorkshire and Humberside
East Midlands
East Anglia
South-East
South-West
West Midlands
North-West
Wales
Scotland

Northern Ireland