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# COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

**of 8 December 1969**

**on returns, to be made on the basis of regional statistics, in respect of international carriage of goods by road**

(69/467/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 proposal from the Commission;

Whereas the development of the common market requires a more extensive knowledge of the pattern of traffic of the various regions of the Community among themselves and with third countries, and in particular of the links between production and consumption regions;

Whereas transport statistics for each loading and unloading region covering the whole of the traffic between Member States and with third countries cannot be compiled from existing statistical information in respect of international carriage of goods by road; whereas responsibility for compiling the returns required for this purpose should therefore be placed on Member States;

Whereas in order to increase comparability of statistics there should be progressive improvement and approximation of the various methods used by Member States to collect data; whereas, for the same purpose, provision should be made for amendment of this Directive in due time and as may prove necessary in the light of experience;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

*Article 1*

This Directive shall apply to international carriage of goods by road (including carriage between Member States and third countries) where the place of loading or unloading of the goods carried is situated on the territory of a Member State.

*Article 2*

1. Member States shall, in respect of each of the 21 groups of goods listed in Annex I, compile returns of the tonnage carried as specified in Article 1, broken down by region of loading and unloading, a region being one of the 57 transport regions of the Community listed in Annex II or, a third country, as the case may be.

The returns shall give separately data concerning carriage on own account and carriage for hire or reward:

— for traffic between Member States and for consignments from third countries on the basis of arrivals in transport regions of the Community;

— for consignments to third countries on the basis of departures from those regions.

2. Each Member State shall in addition compile for the whole of its traffic with each other Member State and each third country global returns of the tonnage carried within the meaning of Article 1; these returns shall be broken down by country of registration of the vehicles which effected the carriage, and shall distinguish between carriage on own account and carriage for hire or reward. They shall be compiled for traffic between Member States and for deliveries from third countries on the basis of arrivals, and for consignments to third countries on the basis of departures.

*Article 3*

Every year before 1 October, Member States shall send to the Commission the returns compiled in accordance with Article 2.

The results of such returns shall be made known by the Commission to the Member States in accordance

with the procedure followed in respect of other modes of land transport.

*Article 4*

The returns shall be drawn up for the first time in respect of the year 1970.

*Article 5*

Member States shall receive financial aid from the Community for additional tasks which they may undertake at the request of the Commission. The appropriations required for this purpose shall be shown in the budget of the European Communities under the heading concerning general studies and surveys of a Community character.

*Article 6*

1. Each year the Commission shall, with the assistance of the Committee for Co-ordination of Transport Statistics at the Statistical Office of the European Communities, examine the results of the official surveys made by Member States, in order to approximate the methods used as far as possible.

2. Before 1 June 1974, the Commission shall submit to the Council a report on the results achieved following the implementation of this Directive and shall propose any amendments which may prove necessary.

*Article 7*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 December 1969.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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