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(68/297/EEC)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 75 and 99 thereof;

Having regard to the Council Decision [1] of 13 May 1965 on the harmonisation of certain provisions affecting competition in transport by rail, road and inland waterway, and in particular Article 1 (b) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament [2];

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee [3];

Whereas the adoption of a common transport policy calls for the establishment of common rules for international transport to or from the territory of a Member State, or passing across the territory of one or more Member States;

Whereas the establishment of these common rules should also include standardisation of the provisions concerning the duty-free admission of fuel contained in the fuel tanks of commercial motor vehicles;

Whereas, in order to harmonise conditions of competition between carriers in the various Member States:

— the minimum quantity of fuel admitted duty-free should be specified, and the conditions for duty-free admission of additional quantities should be laid down;

— the provisions applicable in a Member State concerning the duty-free admission of fuel should be the same irrespective of the Member State in which the vehicle is registered;

Whereas, in order to avoid abuses in respect of fuel imported duty-free, special provisions should be made with regard to frontier zones;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

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*Article 1*

Member States shall, in accordance with this Directive, standardize provisions regarding the duty-free admission of fuel contained in the standard fuel tanks of commercial motor vehicles travelling across common frontiers between Member States.

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*Article 1a*

Commercial motor vehicles registered in a Member State which cross the sea on board some form of sea transport from a port on the territory of one Member State to a port on the territory of another Member State shall for the purposes of this Directive be regarded as travelling across a common frontier between Member States.

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[1] OJ No 88, 24.5.1965, p. 1500/65.
[2] OJ No 28, 17.2.1967, p. 459/67.
[3] OJ No 42, 7.3.1967, p. 618/67.