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Dear Ms Meldgaard,

The European Commission thanks for the letter of Mr Auken dated 26 June 2009 addressed to Commissioner Almunia on the position of the European Affairs Committee, Legal Affairs Committee and the Trade and Industry Committee of the Danish Parliament on the European Commission's White Paper on professional cross-border transportation of euro cash by road between Member States in the euro area {COM(2009)214}.

You will find the Commission's reply below.

Reply to minority statement from S (Socialdemokratiet) and SF (Socialistisk Folkeparti):

The scope of application of the envisaged common rules submitted for consultation in the White Paper would be limited to the transport of euro cash between euro-area countries. However, in the introduction to section 3 it is mentioned that 'the possibility of including non-participating Member States and currencies via an opt-in clause should be further investigated.'. The European Commission takes note of the minority's opinion that the envisaged rules should apply also to Denmark.

As regards cabotage, the envisaged common rules suggest that cash pick-ups and deliveries in the host Member State should be allowed, but that the vehicle must return to its Member State of origin in the same day and that the whole transport must take place during daytime. The European Commission takes note of the minority's opinion that cabotage should not be allowed.

Reply to minority statement from DF (Dansk Folkeparti):

The European Commission agrees that it is important to clarify the application of Directive 96/71 in this area, which is an issue that is currently being examined by the Commission services.

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As regards the carrying of weapons, it would be the responsibility of the CIT-company to ensure that possible weapons are locked in a strongbox in the vehicle when it is passing into a Member State where weapons are prohibited. It is, however, necessary to foresee that Member States carry out regular controls to ensure that the common rules are respected, in particular as regards the carrying of weapons. In Section 1.B(d) of the Annex to the White Paper it is therefore suggested that 'Member States shall control regularly that the rules laid down in the [Regulation] are respected, including via random controls without prior notification to the company. These controls shall take place at least once a year.' Penalties are also foreseen in case there are infringements of the common rules, which include a warning, suspension or withdrawal of the CIT cross-border licence.

I hope that these explanations are useful for the Danish Parliament and remain available to provide any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Vice-President of the European Commission