



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its Opinion on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/59/EC on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers and Directive 2006/126/EC on driving licences {COM(2017) 47 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senat's broad support for the aims of the proposal and is pleased to have this opportunity to provide clarifications concerning the recommendations included in the Opinion.*

*Concerning the scope of the Directive, the Commission's proposal does not alter the categories of vehicles covered. Therefore, vehicles for the transport of goods which require a driving licence of category C1, i.e. those vehicles with a laden weight of more than 3 500 kg and less than 7 500 kg fall under the scope of the Directive.*

*The Commission's proposal does not substantially alter the exemption applicable for non-commercial transport of passengers or goods since the application of this exemption was not identified as a problem in the evaluation process. It is worth noting that the interpretation of 'non-commercial' was in October 2013 the subject of a judgement of the Court of Justice in the case C-317/12 Lundberg.*

*Finally, one of the objectives of the Commission's proposal is to ensure the mutual recognition of training followed in a Member State different from the Member State issuing the licence. In order to achieve this, it is proposed that Member States where the training is followed issue a driver qualification card when they cannot register the code 95 in the driving licence.*

*The points made above are based on the initial proposal presented by the Commission which is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council.*

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*The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Senat and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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