

**Cabotage** is road transport by a motor vehicle registered in a country performed on the national territory of another country. Cabotage data are reported by [European Union \(EU\)](#) Member States for hauliers registered in their country.

Cabotage transport was gradually introduced in 1990 through authorization quotas (quantitative restrictions) and further liberalized in 1998 in the [EU-15](#) (hauliers are allowed up to three cabotage operations within 7 days following an incoming international carriage). The cabotage regime was extended to the [EFTA](#) states (except Switzerland) following the creation of the [EEA \(European Economic Area\)](#) . Cabotage between EU-15 and the [Member States](#) that joined the EU in 2004 was liberalized in May 2009 and in January 2012 for Bulgaria and Romania.

## Related concepts

- [Cross-trade](#)

## Statistical data

- [Road freight transport statistics - cabotage](#)

## Source

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