



National Exemptions from the Scope of the Bus and Coach Passenger Rights Regulation

(Articles 2(4) and 2(5) of Regulation (EU) No 181/2011 concerning the rights of passengers in bus and coach)

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This Regulation applies in its entirety to regular services where the boarding or the alighting point of the passengers is situated in the territory of a Member State and where the scheduled distance of the service is 250 km or more.

Article 4(2), Article 9, Article 10(1), point (b) of Article 16(1), Article 16(2), Article 17(1) and (2), and Articles 24 to 28 of the Regulation apply to those services even if the scheduled distance of the service is below 250 km.

However, Member States may exempt two types of services from the application of the Regulation:

1) Exemption of domestic regular services from the scope of the Regulation in accordance with Article 2(4) of the Regulation

Member States may, on a transparent and non-discriminatory basis, exempt those domestic regular services where the scheduled distance is equal or above 250 km from the application of the Regulation except from Article 4(2), Article 9, Article 10(1), point (b) of Article 16(1), Article 16(2), Article 17(1) and (2), and Articles 24 to 28. Such exemptions may be granted until 28 February 2017 and may be renewed once for 4 years.

Member States	Does the Member State grant exemption from the application of the Regulation for domestic regular services?
 Austria	NO
 Belgium	NO

Member States	Does the Member State grant exemption from the application of the Regulation for domestic regular services?
 Bulgaria	NO
 Croatia	YES
 Cyprus	<p style="text-align: center;">Not applicable</p> <p>[Cyprus has only domestic regular services where the scheduled distance of the service is below 250 km, therefore only Article 4(2), Article 9, Article 10(1), point (b) of Article 16(1), Article 16(2), Article 17(1) and (2), and Articles 24 to 28, of the Regulation apply]</p>
 Czech Republic	<p style="text-align: center;">YES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">but exemption only from articles 8, 19 and 21 of the Regulation</p>
 Denmark	NO
 Estonia	YES
 Finland	NO
 France	NO
 Germany	NO
 Greece	YES
 Hungary	YES

Member States	Does the Member State grant exemption from the application of the Regulation for domestic regular services?
Hungary	
 Ireland	NO
 Italy	NO
 Latvia	YES
 Lithuania	NO
 Luxembourg	<p style="text-align: center;">Not applicable</p> <p>[Luxembourg has only domestic regular services where the scheduled distance of the service is below 250 km, therefore only Article 4(2), Article 9, Article 10(1), point (b) of Article 16(1), Article 16(2), Article 17(1) and (2), and Articles 24 to 28, of the Regulation apply]</p>
 Malta	<p style="text-align: center;">Not applicable</p> <p>[Malta has only domestic regular services where the scheduled distance of the service is below 250 km, therefore only Article 4(2), Article 9, Article 10(1), point (b) of Article 16(1), Article 16(2), Article 17(1) and (2), and Articles 24 to 28, of the Regulation apply]</p>
 Netherlands	YES
 Poland	
 Portugal	YES

Member States	Does the Member State grant exemption from the application of the Regulation for domestic regular services?
 Romania	YES
 Slovakia	YES
 Slovenia	YES
 Spain	NO
 Sweden	NO
 United Kingdom	YES
 Iceland	
 Norway	
 Switzerland	









2) Exemption of regular services with a significant part of the service (including at least one scheduled stop) is operated outside the European Union

Member States may on a transparent and non-discriminatory basis, grant an exemption from the application of the entire Regulation in case of regular services where significant part of the service (including at least one scheduled stop) is

operated outside the European Union. Such exemptions may be granted until 28 February 2017 and may be renewed once for 4 years.

Member States	Does the Member State grant exemption from the application of the Regulation for regular services with a significant part of the service (including at least one scheduled stop) operated outside the European Union?
 Austria	YES
 Belgium	NO
 Bulgaria	NO
 Croatia	YES
 Cyprus	NO
 Czech Republic	NO
 Denmark	NO
 Estonia	YES
 Finland	YES
 France	NO

Member States	Does the Member State grant exemption from the application of the Regulation for regular services with a significant part of the service (including at least one scheduled stop) operated outside the European Union?
 Germany	YES
 Greece	YES
 Hungary	YES
 Ireland	NO
 Italy	YES
 Latvia	YES
 Lithuania	NO
 Luxembourg	NO
 Malta	NO
 Netherlands	YES

Member States	Does the Member State grant exemption from the application of the Regulation for regular services with a significant part of the service (including at least one scheduled stop) operated outside the European Union?
 Poland	
 Portugal	NO
 Romania	NO
 Slovakia	YES
 Slovenia	YES
 Spain	NO
 Sweden	NO
 United Kingdom	YES
 Iceland	
 Norway	
 Switzerland	

