

International Expert Conference on Combined Transport

AMENDMENT OF THE CT DIRECTIVE: A SECTOR PERSPECTIVE



UIRR: the industry association of intermodal transport





UIRR's mission: Enhancement of Intermodal Transport



Multimodal transport

Goods transportation that employs more than one mode of transport.

Intermodal transport

Multimodal goods transportation where the cargo is carried in an intermodal loading unit throughout the entire journey.

Combined transport

Intermodal goods transportation where the road legs of the journey are kept to a minimum, while the longest possible section of the distance is covered by non-road modes of surface transport.

- MULTIMODAL = more than one mode of transport for a single assignment
- INTERMODAL = cargo held in a single intermodal loading unit from origin to destination
- COMBINED TRANSPORT = intermodal transport where the road legs are the shortest possible

EU POLICY AIM:

MORE COMBINED TRANSPORT

Amendment of the Combined Transport Directive



Definition

what is a **combined transport operation**?

Enforcement

no more disturbance to transport flows

Directive 92/106

State aid

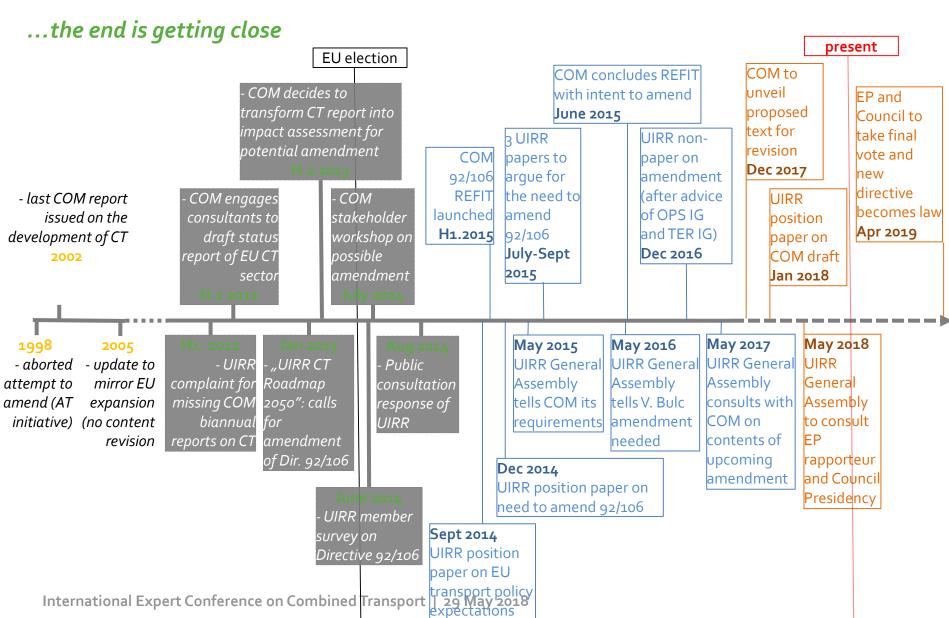
to assist terminal development and to compensate regulatory disparities

Reporting and monitoring

to inform policy-makers and the general public of reaching strategic aims

The amendment process: 2012-2018





Major issues of the Directive



- 1. SCOPE: domestic cross-border (intra-EU) coming from/going to points outside the EU
 - Legal equivalence of international road haulage and international CT operation
 - What if a road leg is in one Member State, while the transhipment is in another?
- 2. **DEFINITION**: how long can the road legs be (for intermodal to qualify as CT)?
- 3. **ENFORCEMENT**: modernizing and streamlining the roadside check
- **4. STATE AID**: Why does Combined Transport need this in the first place?
 - Support investment in transhipment terminals
 - Other temporary compensatory measures
 - 44-tonne weight allowance for semi-trailers used in Combined Transport
- 5. MONITORING AND REPORTING: What variables and how often?
- PRINCIPLES TO UPHOLD: during the amendment
 - (i) extend CT Operation support to 70% of intermodal from the current 43%
 - (ii) reduce bureaucratic burden and operational disturbance enforcement
 - (iii) introduce new and more efficient forms of state aid
 - (iv) increase transparency and link to overriding transport policy aims to CT development

1. SCOPE



Commission proposal	European Parliament	European Council	Sector position
Scope extended to include domestic combined transport	SUPPORTED by large majority	OPPOSED by 5 Member States	ENDORSE COM proposal: 70% coverage cannot be achieved otherwise
Legal equivalence of international road haulage and international combined transport unchanged	SUPPORTED by majority while citing road legislation on social rights and access to market	OPPOSED by 5 Member States	ENDORSE COM proposal: equivalence of the two competitors must continue
Locality of the road leg (vs. transhipment and non-road leg) is irrelevant	SUPPORTED by majority	OPPOSED by 6 Member States	ENDORSE COM proposal: the location of the terminal should determine, not national borders

2. DEFINITION



Commission proposal	European Parliament	European Council	Sector position
150km as the crow flies (mirroring Directive 719/2015)	MAJORITY PREFERENCE UNCLEAR opinion ranges between 100-200 km	DIVIDED - 5 Member States propose shorter - 5 Member States support COM proposal	ENDORSE COM proposal: 150km is a good compromise
20% of the non-road component of a CT chain in case of road-rail CT	MANY PROPOSE DELETION	MAJORITY PROPOSES DELETION	ENDORSE COM proposal: equivalence of the two competitors must continue
Exceed fixed distance in case of road/rail CT to reach nearest terminal if authorized by Member State	MAJORITY WANTS NO MEMBER STATE AUTHORIZATION but possibility on justified operator initiative	MAJORITY TO ACCEPT POSSIBILITY TO EXCEED unclear if for road/rail CT only	NEED POSSIBILITY BUT OPPOSE AUTHORIZATION AND ONLY FOR ROAD/RAIL CT

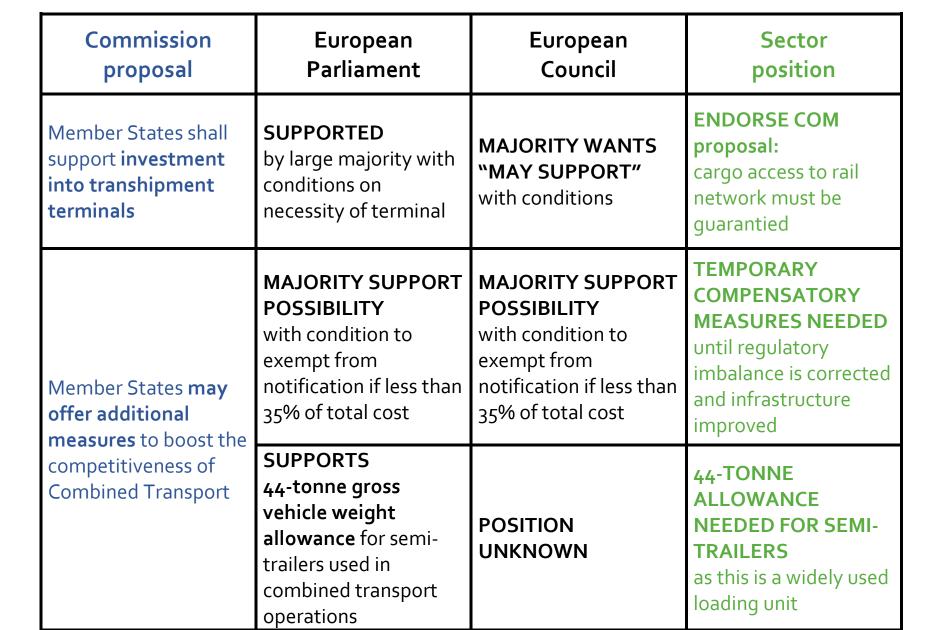
3. ENFORCEMENT



Commission proposal	European Parliament	European Council	Sector position
Proof to be presented at roadside check is described in great detail	MAJORITY PREFERENCE FOR DIGITAL SOLUTION	DIGITALIZATION SUPPORTED BY MAJORITY	MUST AVOID BUREAUCRATIC NIGHTMARE AND DISRUPTION OF LOGISTICS CHAINS
	Some propose EX-POST EVIDENCE FOR CERTAIN PARTS	UNKNOWN	EX-POST EVIDENCE IS A MUST - digitalization and communication technology is not enough developed
	DRIVER ALLOWED TO CONTACT DISPATCHER during roadside check	DRIVER ALLOWED TO CONTACT DISPATCHER during roadside check, must have response in 45 minutes	

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4. STATE AID (temporary compensatory measures)





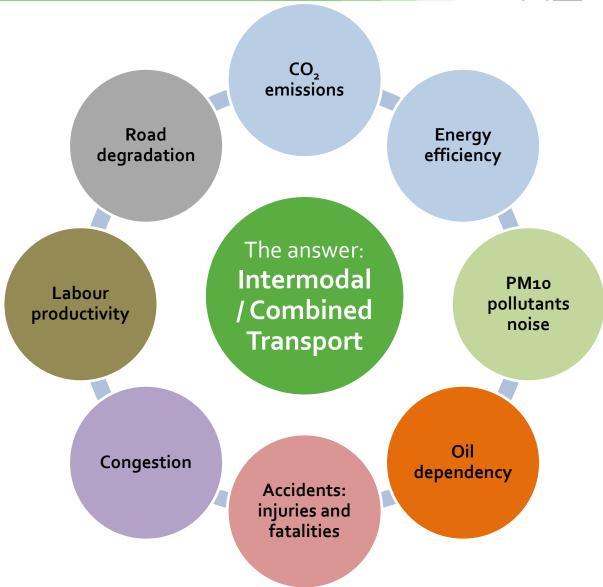
5. MONITORING AND REPORTING

Commission proposal	European Parliament	European Council	Sector position
A range of variables defined to be collected by Member States	SUPPORTED by large majority with amendment to the variables	PROPOSE COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING ACT to define variables	ENDORSE COUNCIL POSITION: variables easily produced by the sector are needed
Member State reporting every two years to support similar reporting of Commission	SUPPORTED by majority	MAJORITY PROPOSE REPORTING ONCE IN 5 YEARS	ENDORSE COM proposal: 5-year reporting frequency is too long in today's world

The challenges of longer distance freight transport

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- Climate: CO2 and energy efficiency
- Environment: air and noise pollution, vibration
- Public security: oil dependency
- Safety: accident injuries/fatalities and material losses
- <u>The economy</u>: GDP loss due to congestion
- Employment: labour productivity
- Infrastructure: road degradation and spatial constraints



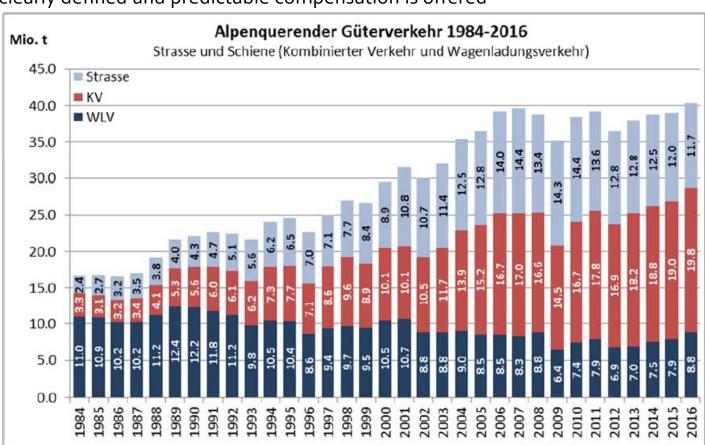
Intermodal can do the job



...if and where the framework conditions are right

- Rail infrastructure is developed coherently with strategic goals
- Recognition of freight: train path capacity allocation and traffic rules
- ✓ Development of capacities: lines and terminals (infrastructure)
- ✓ Intermodal rules are clearly defined and predictable compensation is offered

Transalpine traffic through Switzerland 1984 – 2016





THANK YOU For your attention

