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"A" ITEMS

1. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 on statistics of goods transport by inland waterways as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures [First reading]**

= Political agreement

9426/16 STATIS 30 TRANS 189 CODEC 735

approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 03.06.2016

The Council reached a political agreement on the text of this Regulation proposal as set out in

9426/16.

"B" ITEMS

ENERGY

4. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing an information exchange mechanism with regard to intergovernmental agreements and non-binding instruments between Member States and third countries in the field of energy and repealing Decision No 994/2012/EU [First reading]**

Interinstitutional file: 2016/0031 (COD)

= General approach

8945/16 ENER 149 CODEC 664 IA 22

6226/16 ENER 30 CODEC 175 IA 5

The Council adopted a general approach on the above as set out in the Annex to 8945/16.

SI abstained.

5. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures to safeguard the security of gas supply and repealing Regulation (EU) No 994/2010 [First reading]**

Interinstitutional file: 2016/0030 (COD)

= Policy debate

9163/16 ENER 182 CODEC 693 IA 25

6225/16 ENER 29 CODEC 174 IA 6

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The Council held a policy debate on the above on the basis of questions set out in 9163/16.

TRANSPORT

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

Horizontal

8. NO_x emissions by diesel cars

= Policy debate

(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

9075/1/16 TRANS 177 COMPET 245 ENV 289 CLIMA 49 REV 1

The Council held a policy debate on the basis of the questions set out in 9075/1/16 REV 1.

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Shipping

9. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and repealing Council Directive 96/50/EC and Council Directive 91/672/EEC [First reading]

Interinstitutional file: 2016/0050 (COD)

= General approach

8970/1/16 TRANS 169 MAR 147 EDUC 142 SOC 258 ETS 31 MI 343

CODEC 668 REV 1

6285/16 TRANS 51 MAR 54 CODEC 179 EDUC 35 SOC 85 ETS 4 MI 94

+ ADD 1

The Council adopted its general approach regarding the draft directive on professional qualifications in inland waterways set out in 8970/1/16 REV 1. The Council took note of the statements by LV and UK as set out below.

11. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council [First reading]

Interinstitutional file: 2015/0277 (COD)

= Progress report

8522/16 AVIATION 90 CODEC 568 RELEX 333

14991/15 AVIATION 152 CODEC 1667 RELEX 1014

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The Council took note of the progress report on the proposal for the revision of the EASA Basic Regulation.

Statement by Latvia

"In general Latvia supports the efforts to harmonize the regulation of the inland waterway sector at the EU level, including the current proposal on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation.

Nevertheless Latvia considers that the compromise text of the Council's general approach does not fully ensure the principles of better regulation and legal certainty regarding the scope of the directive and the exceptions, particularly in relation to the countries that do not have real inland waterway traffic. There are several exceptions in the scope and Article 35 provides situations in which Member States shall not be obliged to transpose this Directive or may implement it partly. However, Latvia is of the opinion that it would be possible to increase legal certainty by narrowing the definition of the inland waterway or by clear statement in the list of exceptions to the scope that the Directive shall not apply to the personell of the sea-going ships and auxiliary fleet in the maritime ports.

Overall, Latvia does not object to the further progress of the draft directive. At the same time, taking into account the actual situation of Latvia and the considerations stated above, Latvia is planning to use derogation provided in the Article 35 and not to transpose the Directive.

During the further discussions on the draft Directive it is essential for Latvia that the derogation clause and exceptions in the article on scope are maintained, and the applicability of the Directive to the sea-going ships and auxiliary fleet in the maritime ports is explained in the recitals."

Statement by the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom fully supports the aims and objectives of the proposal for a Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation, and believes that the proposal will lead to increased labour mobility.

However, the United Kingdom believes that the proposed use of a delegated act to make reference to CESNI standards is disproportionate and that an implementing act would be more appropriate given that the issue at stake is the implementation of international standards, and not the supplementation or amendment of a non-essential part of the legislation.

Consequently, the United Kingdom is abstaining on the Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation."

13. Any other business

a) Implications of the emissions irregularities – the need for new road vehicle legislation governing the type approval procedure

= Information from the German delegation
(*Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure*)

9667/16 TRANS 204 ENV 371 CLIMA 58 COMPET 341

The Council took note of the information from the German delegation set out in 9667/16.

c) Current legislative proposal

(*Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union*)

- Passenger ship safety package
= Oral information from the Commission

The Council took note of the oral information from the Commission.

d) Road safety

= Information from the Commission and the Czech delegation
(*Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure*)

9108/16 TRANS 178

The Council took note of the information from the Commission and the Czech delegation set out in 9108/16.

e) Report on the Informal Transport and Environment Council (Amsterdam, 14–15 April 2016)

– Information from the Presidency
(*Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure*)

9575/16 TRANS 198 ENV 368 CLIMA 57 COMPET 335

The Council took note of the information from the Presidency set out in 9575/16.

f) Communication from the Commission on an Aviation strategy for Europe – Conclusions of the European Aviation Summit (Amsterdam, 20–21 January 2016)

= Information from the Presidency
(*Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure*)

9255/16 AVIATION 114

The Council took note of the information from the Presidency set out in 9255/16.

g) EASA Task Force on Conflict Zones

= Information from the Commission
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
9254/16 AVIATION 113

The Council took note of the information from the Presidency set out in 9254/16.

h) Latest developments in aviation security

= Information from the Commission
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
9671/16 AVIATION 120

The Council took note of the information from the Commission set out in 9671/16.

i) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

= Information from the Slovak delegation
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
9628/16 TRANS 201

The Council took note of the information from the Slovak delegation set out in 9628/16.
