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repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1192/69 of the Council on common rules for the
normalisation of the accounts of railway undertakings
- Outcome of the European Parliament's first reading
(Strasbourg, 24 to 27 February 2014)

I. INTRODUCTION

The rapporteur, Mr Jaromír KOHLÍČEK (EUL/NGL, CZ), presented a report on the abovementioned proposal, on behalf of the Committee on Transport and Tourism. The report contained two amendments (amendments 1 and 2).

In addition, six other amendments (amendments 3 - 8) had been tabled by the EUL/NGL group.

II. DEBATE

The debate on the proposal, which took place on 25 February 2014, was a joint debate on the six proposals making up the fourth railway package (the single European railway area; opening of the market for domestic passengers; interoperability of the railway system; railway safety; the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) and Common rules for the accounts of railway undertakings). A summary of the debate is set out in document 6815/14¹.

III. VOTE

The vote on the proposal took place on 26 February 2014. The European Parliament adopted two amendments to the proposal.

The two amendments by the Committee were adopted. No other amendments were adopted.

The amendments adopted are set out in the Annex together with the legislative resolution.

¹ See also documents 6816/14, 6821/14, 6822/14 and 6829/14.

Normalisation of the accounts of railway undertakings *I**

European Parliament legislative resolution of 26 February 2014 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1192/69 of the Council on common rules for the normalisation of the accounts of railway undertakings (COM(2013)0026 – C7-0026/2013 – 2013/0013(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2013)0026),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Articles 91 and 109 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C7-0026/2013),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 11 June 2013¹,
 - having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 8 October 2013²,
 - having regard to Rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A7-0472/2013),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

¹ OJ C 327, 12.11.2013, p. 122.

² OJ C 356, 5.12.2013, p. 92.

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) A series of legislative measures has been adopted at European level, opening up the rail freight and international rail passenger markets to competition and establishing, by way of Directive 2012/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 establishing a single European railway area (recast), certain fundamental principles which include that railway undertakings shall be managed according to principles that apply to commercial companies, that entities responsible for the allocation of capacity and charging for rail infrastructure shall be separate from entities which operate rail services and that there shall be a separation of accounts, that any railway undertaking licensed in accordance with EU criteria should have access to railway infrastructure on fair, non-discriminatory terms, and that infrastructure managers may benefit from State financing.

Amendment

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^{3a} OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 32.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

This Regulation shall enter into force ***on the day following that of*** its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Amendment

This regulation shall enter into force ***two years after*** its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.