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Subject:	COMMISSION DELEGATED DIRECTIVE (EU) .../... of 2.8.2019 supplementing Directive (EU) 2017/2397 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the standards for competences and corresponding knowledge and skills, for the practical examinations, for the approval of simulators and for medical fitness - Intention not to raise objections to the delegated act

1. The Commission has submitted the above delegated act to the Council in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 290 TFEU and Article 17(1) and (4), Articles 21(2) and 23(6) of Directive (EU) 2017/2397¹.
2. The Commission notified the delegated act to the Council on 2 August 2019, hence the deadline for the Council to raise objections ran until 2 October 2019. That period for expressing an objection can be prolonged by further two months.

¹ Directive (EU) 2017/2397 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation, and repealing Council Directives 91/672/EEC and 96/50/EC (OJ L 345, 27.12.2017, p. 53).

3. Following the submission of the delegated act to the Council, the Council Secretariat launched a silent consultation of delegations. During this silent consultation, one delegation requested the extension of the deadline for raising objection to the delegated act for timing reasons. It explained that due to the summer holiday period, during which the delegated act was submitted to the Council, it had not had sufficient time to coordinate its position nationally.
4. Consequently, the delegated act was examined at the Land Transport Working Party on 13 September, at which the request for the extension of the deadline for raising objections was supported by a number of other delegations and no delegation opposed it.
5. Following the outcome of the discussion at the Working Party, the Council decided on 24 September to extend the time-limit for raising objections by two months. Hence, the extended period for raising objections to the delegated directive runs until 2 December 2019, in accordance with Article 31(6) of Directive (EU) 2017/2397.
6. Following the extension of the deadline for raising objections, the Council Secretariat launched another silent consultation of delegations. No further comments by any other delegation were notified to the Council Secretariat.
7. In the light of the above, it is suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to confirm that it has no intention to object to the delegated act and inform the Commission and the European Parliament thereof.
