



Committee on Road Transport

3 OCTOBER 2023, 15:30 - 17:30, THROUGH WEBEX

SUMMARY REPORT

1. Opening of the meeting, adoption of the agenda and of the minutes of the previous meeting.

DG MOVE opened the meeting. The meeting agenda was adopted, with no AOB points. It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 6 September 2023 would be adopted by written procedure; members and observers were invited to submit their comments on the draft minutes submitted to them on Tuesday 3 October 2023, by Friday 13 October 2023 18h (Brussels time).

2. Roll-out of smart tachograph 2 in newly registered vehicles since 21 August 2023

MOVE recalled the situation, as well as the general outcome of the previous Committee meeting. MOVE invited Member States and Observers to share any additional information or change in position they might have on the matter, and informed that written submissions had been received in advance of the meeting by two Member States.

A discussion followed, with several Member States and observing organisations informing of their views and positions.

MOVE reiterated that enforcement is a competence of the Member States, that the Commission has no intention to intervene in this matter, and that the date of 21 August 2023 is set out in a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council and that no derogatory power for exceptional circumstances is granted to the Commission. MOVE informed that only limited data is available to obtain a precise understanding of the situation, but that a shortage of smart tachograph 2 is observed to a certain extent since 21 August 2023. MOVE observed that most Member States have expressed their willingness to adhere to a harmonised approach on the issues faced, and was of the view that given the possible consequences of difference practices in Member States, this would have an impact on the internal market of road transport of which the Commission is the guardian. MOVE was therefore of the view that **enforcement leniency could be applied by Member States until 31 December 2023 regarding possible installations of smart tachograph 1 in vehicles newly registered after 21 August 2023, whether the vehicle is engaged in national or international transport.** MOVE informed that it would continue to monitor the supply issues over the next months, but that any prolongation of possible leniency is at this stage ruled out.

MOVE then suggested **that the replacement of a smart tachograph 1 by a smart tachograph 2 in vehicles registered between 21/08/2023 and 31/12/2023 and equipped with a smart tachograph 1, could take place at the latest by 18 August 2025, in order for the date to be aligned with the retrofit deadline for international transport previously equipped with a smart tachograph 1.**

MOVE finally informed **that there were no possibilities to extend the derogations provided for in the lex specialis on posting to a further date for all vehicles, regardless of whether they are equipped with a smart tachograph 2 or not.**

MOVE informed that it would continue to monitor the situation, with the Committee, over the next months, and in particular as regards future milestones regarding smart tachograph 2.

3. AOB and closing of the meeting

MOVE closed the meeting.

ANNEX I – Participants

AUSTRIA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Federal Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology
BELGIUM	Federal Public Service Mobility and Transport Departement Mobiliteit en Openbare (MOW) Service Public de Wallonie (SPW)
BULGARIA	Road Transport Administration
CROATIA	Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure
CYPRUS	Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works
CZECH REPUBLIC	Ministry of Transport
DENMARK	Ministry of Transport
ESTONIA	Ministry of Climate
FINLAND	Transport and Communications Agency (TRAFICOM)
FRANCE	Ministry of Ecological Transition
GREECE	Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport
HUNGARY	Ministry for Construction and Transport
IRELAND	Department of Transport
ITALY	Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport
LATVIA	Road Transport Administration
LUXEMBOURG	Ministry of Mobility and Public Works
MALTA	Ministry of Transport
NETHERLANDS	Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management
POLAND	General Inspectorate of Road Transport
PORTUGAL	Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security
SLOVAKIA	Ministry of Transport
SLOVENIA	Ministry of Infrastructure
SPAIN	Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban planning
SWEDEN	Transport Agency
European Commission	DG MOVE
Observers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representatives of Norway. - Representatives of the European Labour Authority (ELA). - Representatives of CORTE, IRU, ROADPOL, UETR.