



European Commission - Directorate General for Transport

**Directive 2006/1 of the European
Parliament and of the Council
of 18 January 2006
on the use of vehicles hired without drivers
for the carriage of goods by road
(codified version)**

(OJ L 33, 4.2.2006)

repealing Council Directive 84/647/EEC



Based on Article 71 of the Treaty

- liberalization of market access measure



Aims: to allow for a flexible adaptation of
fleet capacity
by transport undertakings
by permitting the use of hired
vehicles



Scope: Requires that a Member State allows the use within its territory of hired vehicles (for the purpose of international goods transport) by its own national undertakings and by an undertaking established on the territory of another Member State



Conditions:

- the vehicle must be hired by the undertaking in the Member State of its establishment
- contract relates only to the vehicle (not accompanied by a service contract)
- vehicle must be at sole disposal of the undertaking during hire period and is driven by its own personnel
- proof of compliance kept on board (vehicle hire contract, driver's employment contract)



Additional conditions:

- Member States may provide (for undertakings established on their territory) that own-account transport operations carried out with vehicles with a laden weight of more than 6 tonnes
 - are not allowed with hired vehicles
 - Member States can not require a minimum hiring period
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