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NOTE

Subject:

- Voting result
- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives (EU) 2016/797 and (EU) 2016/798, as regards the extension of their transposition periods
 - = Adoption of the legislative act
 - = Derogation from the 8-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 to the TFEU on the role of national parliaments in the EU.

Outcome of the written procedure completed on 25 May 2020

The outcome of voting on the above mentioned legislative act can be found in Annex 1 to this note.

Reference document:

PE-CONS 14/20

date of decision to use the Written Procedure by Coreper, Part 1, 20.05.2020

The statements and/or explanations of vote are in Annex 2 to this note.



General Secretariat of the Council

Institution: Council of the European Union
 Session:
 Configuration:
 Item: 2020/0071 (COD) (Document: 14/20)
 Voting Rule: qualified majority
 Subject: Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives (EU) 2016/797 and (EU) 2016/798, as regards the extension of their transposition periods

Vote	Members	Population (%)
Yes	25	95,08%
No	0	0%
Abstain	2	4,92%
Not participating	0	
Total	27	

Sitting date: 25/05/2020

Final result



Member State	Weighting	Vote	Member State	Weighting	Vote
BELGIQUE/BELGIË	2,58		LIETUVA	0,62	
БЪЛГАРИЯ	1,56		LUXEMBOURG	0,14	
CESKÁ REPUBLIKA	2,35		MAGYARORSZÁG	2,18	
DANMARK	1,30		MALTA	0,11	
DEUTSCHLAND	18,54		NEDERLAND	3,89	
EESTI	0,30		ÖSTERREICH	1,98	
ÉIRE/IRELAND	1,10		POLSKA	8,49	
ΕΛΛΑΔΑ	2,40		PORTUGAL	2,30	
ESPAÑA	10,49		ROMÂNIA	4,34	
FRANCE	14,98		SLOVENIJA	0,47	
HRVATSKA	0,91		SLOVENSKO	1,22	
ITALIA	13,65		SUOMI/FINLAND	1,23	
ΚΥΠΡΟΣ	0,20		SVERIGE	2,29	
LATVIJA	0,43				

* When acting on a proposal from the Commission or the High Representative, qualified majority is reached if at least 55 % of members vote in favour (15 MS) accounting for at least 65% of the population

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Statement by the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic welcomed swift reaction of the European Commission to the extraordinary situation caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and the needs of the Member States. The extension of the transposition period of the technical pillar of 4th Railway Package is crucial in these uncertain and difficult times.

During the negotiations of the draft Directive the Czech Republic strongly advocated for a sufficient delay to transposition in view to complete the necessary legislative process at national level, reflecting extraordinary circumstances caused by COVID-19 outbreak.

Therefore, the Czech Republic expresses its deep disappointment as the proposed four-month extension does not solve the problems that some Member States are facing. Current gradual loosening of lockdown shows additional issues that are needed to be tackled and the crisis is not getting closer to the end. Economic recovery programs will overwhelm national parliaments in forthcoming months.

Harmonized implementation of the 4th Railway Package is a vital prerequisite for further development of the Single European Railway Area. In this respect, proper extension of the transposition period would secure legal clarity, reassure all railway stakeholders and avoid potential problems that could emerge this autumn. Upcoming incoherent legal framework will hit the railway sector mainly in area of vehicle approvals. Activities of national safety authorities can be also negatively affected, especially in the field of certifications, vehicle approvals and training of experts.

The Czech Republic also regrets the decision to follow the European Parliament position without entering the negotiations, which could be very swift and efficient. Such approach might create a dangerous precedent from the institutional point of view. The European Parliament could take advantage of current Council's attitude in future in other dossiers.

For these reasons, the Czech Republic abstains from voting on the adoption of the draft Directive.
