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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 as regards minimum requirements on minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods in the occasional passenger transport sector and as regards Member States' power to impose penalties for infringements of Regulation (EU) No 165/2014 committed in another Member State or in a third country **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 24 May 2023, the Commission submitted its proposal[1], based on Article 91(1) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 21 September 2023[2].

3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.

[1] 9734/23 + ADD 1 to 3.
[2] OJ C, C/2023/882, 8.12.2023.

4. On 13 March 2024, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal[3]. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 30/24, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Austria abstaining.

6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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[3] 7550/24.