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Subject: Interpretative guidelines on application of Art. 4 & 6 of Reg. (EU) 2022/1280 (temp. recognition of UA driver documents) following the extension of the period of temporary protection of persons displaced from Ukraine beyond 6 March 2025 - Presentation by the Commission

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Following the Working Party on Land Transport of 25 February 2025, delegations will find, in annex, a presentation by the Commission.



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# Art. 4 and 6 of Regulation (EU) 2022/1280

- Art. 4: allows Member States to issue a temporary driver CPC marked with code « **95.01 (max. 06.03.2025)** » (either on driving licence, driver qualification card or driver attestation) to persons *displaced from Ukraine and enjoying temporary protection or adequate protection under national law in accordance with Directive 2001/55/EC* after only 35-60 hours of complementary compulsory training instead of 140-280 hours of courses, if they already hold a driver qualification card (for drivers engaged in international operations) issued by Ukraine.
- Art. 6: allows Member States to issue a temporary EU driving licence with code « **99.01 (max. 06.03.2025)** » to persons *displaced from Ukraine and enjoying temporary protection or adequate protection under national law in accordance with Directive 2001/55/EC* if they have lost their driving licence issued by Ukraine or if that driving licence has been stolen and if the driving rights acquired by that person can be verified.
- In both cases, the **administrative validity corresponds to the duration of the temporary protection** in respect of displaced persons from Ukraine **irrespective of the date marked on the document.**

# Admin. validity of codes '95.01' and '99.01'

- Recital (14) of Regulation (EU) 2022/1280:  
*“To minimise the administrative burden on Member States and avoid multiple renewals, the **expiry date recorded on driver documents issued in accordance with this Regulation should correspond to the current maximum possible duration of the temporary protection in respect of displaced persons from Ukraine, taking into account the possible extensions thereof pursuant to Article 4 of Directive 2001/55/EC. However, notwithstanding the expiry recorded on the documents, their validity should correspond to the duration of the temporary protection.**”*
- When Regulation (EU) 2022/1280 was adopted, it was thought that the period of temporary protection could not be extended beyond a duration of 3 years. Articles 4 and 6 of the Regulation therefore foresee that codes '95.01' and '99.01' respectively are marked with what at the time was thought to be the latest possible expiry date: “(max. 06.03.2025)”.
- However, the period of temporary protection lasts for as long as the reasons for it persist. In June 2024, the Council accordingly extended the period of temporary protection until 4 March 2026 (cf. Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/1836).

# Commission Notice C/2025/988 on application of Articles 4 and 6 of Regulation (EU) 2022/1280

- As 4 March 2026 is later than 6 March 2025, we have an issue with the expression “(max. 06.03.2025)” behind codes ‘95.01’ and ‘99.01’.
- It is not known whether and not excluded that the period of temporary protection will be extended / prolonged again. It should be extended for as long as the reasons for it persist. For that reason, the end of that period is currently not known.
- As the exact expiry date is not known, and to avoid confusion, **Member States should henceforth not mark any date behind codes ‘95.01’ and ‘99.01’**. There is no need for an *explicit* expiry date as the codes have an *implicit* expiry date (which is the date when the period of temporary protection ends).
- At the same time, Member States are obliged to continue to mutually recognize driver documents issued in accordance with Articles 4 and 6 of Regulation (EU) 2022/1280. They should recognize such documents with codes ‘95.01’ and ‘99.01’ respectively both with the expression “(max. 06.03.2025)” behind those codes and without that expression.

# Commission Notice C/2025/988

- This pragmatic approach is contained in **Commission Notice C/2025/988**.
- The Notice has been published in all official EU languages in the C series of the Official Journal on 13 February 2025: [EUR-Lex - 52025XC00988 - EN - EUR-Lex](#).
- We informed the members of the CPC expert group and of the driving licence committee on the same day of it.
- We asked them to please **share the information with the competent authorities, in particular the issuing authorities and the enforcement community**.

# Number of concerned documents

- Number of driver documents with codes '95.01 (max 06.03.2025)' and '99.01 (max 06.03.2025)' issued until mid-2024:
  - around a dozen with code '95.01' and
  - some 600 with code '99.01'

Results of survey carried out in mid-2024 among Member States who informed us that they applied optional Article 4 and/or Article 6 of (EU) 2022/1280.

- Expected number in DE according to legislative proposal that foresees the application of Article 4 in the near future.

	'95.01' issued so far	'99.01' issued so far
<b>DK</b>	-	23
<b>ES</b>	-	171
<b>LV</b>	-	215
<b>LT</b>	-	56
<b>SI</b>	-	4
<b>PL</b>	-	36
<b>IE</b>	8	-
<b>HR</b>	3	89
<b>LU</b>	0	13
<b>RO</b>	0	-
<b>DE</b>	(300)	-

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# Thank you. Any questions?

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