

Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport and amending Council Regulations (EEC) No 3821/85 and (EC) No 2135/98 and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 (Text with EEA relevance)

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

- Article 1 This Regulation lays down rules on driving times, breaks and...  
Article 2 (1) This Regulation shall apply to the carriage by road:...  
Article 3 This Regulation shall not apply to carriage by road by:...  
Article 4 For the purposes of this Regulation the following definitions shall...

## CHAPTER II

### CREWS, DRIVING TIMES, BREAKS AND REST PERIODS

- Article 5 (1) The minimum age for conductors shall be 18 years....  
Article 6 (1) The daily driving time shall not exceed nine hours....  
Article 7 After a driving period of four and a half hours...  
Article 8 (1) A driver shall take daily and weekly rest periods....  
Article 8a (1) The Commission shall ensure that information about safe and...  
Article 9 (1) By way of derogation from Article 8, where a...  
Article 9a By 31 December 2025 , the Commission shall draw up...

## CHAPTER III

### LIABILITY OF TRANSPORT UNDERTAKINGS

- Article 10 (1) A transport undertaking shall not give drivers it employs...

## CHAPTER IV

### EXCEPTIONS

- Article 11 Articles 6 to 9 are subject to—  
Article 12 Provided that road safety is not thereby jeopardised and to...  
Article 13 (1) Provided the objectives set out in Article 1 are not...  
Article 14 (1) Provided that the objectives set out in Article 1 are...  
Article 15 Member States shall ensure that drivers of vehicles referred to...

## CHAPTER V

### CONTROL PROCEDURES AND SANCTIONS

- Article 16 (1) Where no recording equipment has been fitted to the...

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- Article 17 (1) Member States, using the standard form set out in...
- Article 18 Member States shall adopt such measures as may be necessary...
- Article 19 (1) Member States shall lay down rules on penalties applicable...
- Article 20 (1) The driver shall keep any documentation provided by an...
- Article 21 To address cases where a Member State considers that there...
- Article 22 (1) Member States shall work in close cooperation with one...
- Article 23 The Community shall enter into any negotiations with third countries...
- Article 23a (1) The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on...
- Article 24 (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee set...
- Article 25 (1) At the request of a Member State, or on...

## CHAPTER 5A

### SUPPLEMENTARY

- Article 25A (1) Regulations under this Regulation may— (a) make consequential, supplementary,...

## CHAPTER VI

### FINAL PROVISIONS

- Article 26 Regulation (EEC) No 3821/85 is hereby amended as follows:  
Article 2 shall...
- Article 27 Regulation (EC) No 2135/98 is hereby amended as follows:  
Article 2(1)(a) shall...
- Article 28 Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 is hereby repealed and replaced by this...
- Article 29 This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 April 2007,...
- Signature

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- (1) [OJ C 51 E, 26.2.2002, p. 234.](#)
- (2) [OJ C 221, 17.9.2002, p. 19.](#)
- (3) Opinion of the European Parliament of 14 January 2003 ([OJ C 38 E, 12.2.2004, p. 152](#)), Council Common Position of 9 December 2004 ([OJ C 63 E, 15.3.2005, p. 11](#)) and Position of the European Parliament of 13 April 2005 ([OJ C 33 E, 9.2.2006, p. 425](#)). Legislative resolution of the European Parliament of 2 February 2006 and Decision of the Council of 2 February 2006.
- (4) [OJ L 370, 31.12.1985, p. 1.](#) Regulation as amended by Directive 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ([OJ L 226, 10.9.2003, p. 4](#)).
- (5) [OJ L 80, 23.3.2002, p. 35.](#)
- (6) [OJ L 370, 31.12.1985, p. 8.](#) Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 432/2004 ([OJ L 71, 10.3.2004, p. 3](#)).
- (7) [OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.](#)
- (8) Directive 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003 on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 and Council Directive 91/439/EEC and repealing Council Directive 76/914/EEC ([OJ L 226, 10.9.2003, p. 4](#)). Directive as amended by Council Directive 2004/66/EC ([OJ L 168, 1.5.2004, p. 35](#)).
- (9) Council Directive 88/599/EEC of 23 November 1988 on standard checking procedures for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 on harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport and Regulation (EEC) No 3821/85 on recording equipment in road transport ([OJ L 325, 29.11.1988, p. 55](#)).

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