



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 11 September 2009 (15.09)
(OR. fr,en)**

**Interinstitutional file:
2007/0098 (COD)**

**12680/09
ADD 1**

**CODEC 1042
TRANS 308**

ADDENDUM TO "I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : General Secretariat of the Council
to : COREPER/COUNCIL

No. Cion prop.: 10114/1/07 TRANS 194 CODEC 602

Subject : Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing common rules concerning the conditions to be complied with to
pursue the occupation of road transport operator [**second reading**]
– Approval of amendments by the European Parliament (**LA + S**) Statement

Unilateral Statement by the United Kingdom delegation

"Since the Commission's proposals were published in May 2007, it was commonly understood that the three Regulations to be adopted today would be negotiated as a package and would therefore have a common implementation date. The United Kingdom accepted the new cabotage rules on the basis that these would be balanced by new safety enforcement provisions in the Access to the Occupation Regulation (e.g. ability to report on hauliers who commit infringements in a host country to their home country so that appropriate action is taken against them). It was on this understanding that the UK signed up to Political Agreement reached at the Transport Council in June 2008.

The UK understands the desire of the European Parliament and some Member States to see early implementation of the cabotage rules in order to get legal clarity and have standardised conditions. The UK is, however, disappointed that implementation will not proceed on the basis that was originally agreed.

The United Kingdom supports the new Regulations and will therefore be voting in favour of them today, but sincerely hopes that in any future negotiations on a package of measures like the Road Transport proposals a reversal of agreed commitments in respect of common implementation dates given from the outset of the negotiations does not occur, in the way that happened here."
