

European Parliament Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 561/2006

The following paragraph shall be inserted in Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006:

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6a. By way of derogation from paragraph 6 and under the following conditions, a driver engaged in an international occasional transport service as defined in Regulation (EC) No .../2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... [on common rules for access to the market for coach and bus services], may postpone the weekly rest period for up to 12 consecutive 24-hour periods following a previous regular weekly rest period provided that:

- the international occasional transport service shall include at least 24 hours in a Member State or a third country other than the one in which the service started, and
- the weekly rest period after the use of the derogation shall always be at least a regular weekly rest period of 45 hours; a compensatory rest of 24 hours shall be taken en bloc before the end of the third week following the use of the derogation; the modalities and terms for taking this compensatory rest are to be established as appropriate at national level by the relevant stakeholders, and
- in the case of driving that takes place during the entire period from 22:00-06:00, the vehicle shall be double manned throughout or the driving period referred to in Article 7 shall be reduced to three hours, and
- from 1 January 2014 onwards, the use of this derogation may only be possible when using vehicles equipped with recording equipment in accordance with the requirements of Annex IB to Regulation (EEC) No 3821/85. “