

Driving and resting times (Regulation 561/2006) and tachographs (Regulation 165/2014)

Express industry pleads for more secure parking

The European Express Association (EEA) takes note of the Commission's proposal to clarify the existing driving and rest rules and bring to an end the different interpretations by EU Member States on where to spend the regular weekly rest. At the same time, the EEA deplores that no new efforts are being undertaken to provide more secure parking and better accommodation for truck drivers.

Weekly rest, secure parking and appropriate accommodation

The EEA takes note of the fact that the Commission seeks to make an end to the divergent interpretations and enforcement of the regular weekly rest by clarifying that adequate accommodation with appropriate sleeping and hygiene facilities will have to be provided to the driver during this rest. This will benefit the wellbeing of the driver, but this measure will not solve the issue of drivers experiencing difficulty to find adequate accommodation and cargo being vulnerable and subject to theft at unsecure parking areas.

The EEA therefore calls on the European Parliament and the Council to use this opportunity and prioritise investments in infrastructure – both in more suitable accommodation and in secure parking along highways.

The European Express Association (EEA) is the representative organisation for the express industry in Europe. The industry specialises in time-definite, reliable transportation services for documents, parcels, and freight. It allows European business to rely on predictable, expeditious delivery of supplies, thereby enabling them to attain and maintain global competitiveness. The express industry employs over 250,000 people across the EU and supports a further 175,000 indirect jobs in Europe through the supply-chain. The express industry's employees are widely spread across the EU.