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**Agreement on driving and resting time for professional drivers
and on introduction of the digital tachograph**

The Council and the European Parliament, meeting on 6 December in the Conciliation Committee¹, reached an agreement on: a regulation aimed at establishing common rules on driving times, breaks and rest periods and requiring use in road transport vehicles of a digital tachograph to measure these times; and a directive laying down minimum conditions on driving and resting times for professional drivers.

For the legislative acts to be adopted, the agreement must be endorsed by the Parliament (absolute majority votes cast) and the Council (qualified majority voting procedure).

¹ The meeting was co-chaired by Mr Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Vice-President of the European Parliament and Mr Derek Twigg, UK Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Transport), for the Council.

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The regulation requires that all new vehicles put into service after twentieth day following publication in the Official Journal of the EU of the regulation have to be fitted with a digital tachograph.

In this context, and to provide a degree of clarity for industry, the Council and the European Parliament made the following statement:

"The Council and European Parliament will make every effort to complete finalisation of the text to allow it to be published in the Official Journal in April and for digital tachographs to be mandatory for new vehicles from early May 2006".
