OPINION

of the Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee of the Senate of the Republic of Poland

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 and Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009 with a view to adapting them to developments in the sector COM(2017) 281

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- 1. The Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee (the Committee) supports activities aimed at further liberalisation of road transport rules.
- 2. The Committee supports the proposed solutions that aim at achieving this objective, in particular through:
 - reforms seeking to introduce uniform standards for documents proving financial standing of hauliers;
 - removal of limit of cabotage operations;
 - possibility of using electronic transport documents for cabotage operation inspection purposes.
- 3. At the same time, the Committee disapproves of the solutions that introduce further administrative barriers, in particular those concerning:
 - inclusion of hauliers performing transport operations with light commercial vehicles within the scope of the provisions regulating the appropriate financial standing;
 - modification of conditions of the requirement of good repute by extending the list of persons subject to these requirements and extending the material scope of the provisions, the violation of which entails a loss of good repute, including the rules on the posting of workers;
 - reducing the maximum number of days during which cabotage operations can be performed;
 - imposing on Member States percentage thresholds on cabotage operation checks.