

**COMMISSION CLARIFICATION**

- Temporary exceptions in urgent exceptional circumstances -

**Article:** 14 (2)

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According to article 14 (2), each Member State has a possibility to grant, in urgent cases, a temporary exemption from the application of the Regulation's provisions for a period of maximum 30 days. This fact should be immediately notified to the Commission.

This Article is designed to enable Member States to deal with situations of sudden exceptional circumstances that are unavoidable and may not be anticipated, where it unexpectedly becomes impossible to apply the Regulation's provisions in their entirety for a short period of time.

Should the consequences of such exceptional circumstances persist, making the compliance with the Regulation's provisions impossible for a longer period than 30 days, a Member State may request, in accordance with Article 14 (1) for an authorisation from the Commission for further extension of the temporary relaxation from the application of certain provisions of the Regulation.

*DISCLAIMER: The present note sets out the Commission services views on implementation and application of certain rules of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport. It should be noted that, in any event, interpretation of Union law is ultimately the role of the European Court of Justice.*