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About the "Impact of the mobility of Transport Workers"

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News of the *European Union Mobility Package* : Driving and rest times

During 2022, important measures that are part of the so-called ***Mobility Package came into force*** of the European Union. Specifically, the legislation approved on July 15, 2020 aimed at regulating road transport for the countries of the European Union and which is included in three basic regulations: Regulation (EU) 2020/1054; Regulation (EU) 2020/1055 and Directive (EU) 2020/1057.

The Mobility Package seeks to have fairer and more harmonized rules at a social level, and to this end a package of measures has been planned that have gradually come into force for several years starting in 2020. These measures They refer to the work and rest regime of drivers; to the movement of drivers between EU countries and third countries; the minimum wage requirement; access to the profession and the transport market; the limitation of cabotage and the registration of border crossings.

These changes have forced, and are forcing, since this regulation has not yet been transposed in all States, transport companies to adapt their structure and operations, which entails a significant economic impact. Furthermore, they have generated strong opposition and controversy on the part of the Eastern countries since they imply greater control of the competition carried out by the international transport companies of these countries.

The first changes were introduced in August 2020 through ***Regulation (EU) 2020/1054***, referring, fundamentally, to the driving and rest times of drivers who remained within the European Union. Specifically, they have the obligation to record on the tachograph every time they cross a border of a Member State, doing so manually at the beginning of the first stop as close as possible to the border of the new Member State they have entered, if the tachograph does not record it automatically. In reality, this obligation has already been required since 2020 for vehicles equipped with an analog tachograph; what is now being done is to extend it to vehicles equipped with a digital tachograph.

Finally, this Regulation also establishes some changes in relation to the service record of each driver, which will apply from December 31, 2024.