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6. Within the framework of the notification procedure laid down by Directive (EU) 2015/1535, the Slovakian authorities notified to the Commission on 26 August 2024 the draft “Decree of the Ministry of Transport of the Slovak Republic amending Decree No 134/2018 laying down details of the operation of vehicles in road traffic, as amended” (hereinafter, ‘the notified draft’).

In order to allow the Commission services to complete their analysis under the relevant provisions of EU law, the Slovakian authorities are kindly invited to reply to the following request for supplementary information which concerns the draft Decree amending Decree No 134/2018 of the Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic with the Council Directive 96/53/EC (“the Weights and Dimensions Directive”).

Decree No 134/2018 of the Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic, section § 4 (c)(11), sets the maximum length of “combinations of a motor vehicle with two semi-trailers, with two trailers or with a semi-trailer and one trailer” in 22.00 m.

Section § 1(1)(n) of the notified draft Decree introduces a definition of “European modular systems”, while its section § 6(8) EMS are allowed with a maximum length of 27 metres and a maximum weight of 60 tonnes. In addition, EMS exceeding 23 metres of length are required to be accompanied by an escort vehicle, to be equipped with special orange warning lights and to bear a special informative sign alerting other road users of the exceptional character of the vehicle combination.

According to Article 4.4 of the Weights and Dimensions Directive “Member States may allow vehicles or vehicle combinations used for transport which carry out certain national transport operations that do not significantly affect



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international competition in the transport sector to circulate in their territory with dimensions deviating from those laid down in points 1.1 (...) of Annex I” (i.e. 18.75 metres for road trains and 16.50 metres for articulated vehicles). Transport operations shall be considered not significantly to affect international competition if the vehicles are specialised (e.g. used in operations linked to logging and the forestry industry) or the MS allows EMS of the same loading length, “so that every operator may benefit from equal conditions of competition”.

- Are the combinations of vehicles referred to in section § 4 (c)(11) of Decree No 134/2018 with a maximum authorised length of 22 meters a type of European Modular Systems, so that the individual vehicles comply with the maximum lengths for heavy-duty vehicles set in point 1 of Annex I to Council Directive 96/53/EC (“the Weights and Dimensions Directive”)?
- If the reply is negative, how do the vehicle combinations referred to in section § 4 (c)(11) of Decree No 134/2018, comply with article 4 of the Weights and Dimensions Directive?
- If the reply refers to the exemption foreseen in Article 4 (4)(b) of the Weights and Dimensions Directive, and provided that section § 6(8) of the notified draft Decree imposes additional requisites on EMS exceeding 23m (notably, an escort vehicle), how do the circulation of vehicle combinations referred to in section § 4 (c)(11) of Decree No 134/2018, comply with the requirement of not significantly affecting international competition by allowing EMS of the same loading length so that every operator may benefit from equal conditions of competition?

The Slovakian authorities are kindly invited to reply by 11 October 2024.

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