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# HARMONIZATION OF REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT AND FACILITATION OF ITS OPERATION

#### Issuance of visas

## Note by the secretariat

After the questionnaire on the issuance of visas was sent to the European Commission for its information, the Commission supplied the following information to the Transport Division of the Economic Commission for Europe.

The European Commission is very aware of the importance of this issue, which is why it too is carrying out a survey of member States of the European Union to obtain detailed and specific information on their practice in issuing visas to professional drivers.

The results of this survey will be the starting point for an in-depth study on possible ways to encourage further harmonization across the Union of member States' policies and practices in this area and to consider whether simplified procedures for issuing visas to this category of persons might be envisaged.

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