COMMISSION OPINION

of 17 June 1974

to be sent to the Government of France concerning an order relating to the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 543/69 of 25 March 1969 relative to the harmonization of certain social matters in the field of road transport

(74/370/EEC)

In conformity with Article 18 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 543/69 of 25 March 1969, the Government of France has communicated to the Commission by letter of 29 March 1974 a Draft Order entitled:

'Draft order dealing with recognition of training of road transport drivers for the application of Article 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 543/69 of 25 March 1969 relating to the harmonization of certain social provisions in the field of road transport.'

1. The order in question is for the purpose of enabling the Government of France to lay down (pending a Directive from the Council on the proposal from the Commission) national regulations for obtaining a diploma by those who wish to take up employment as drivers of goods vehicles, of over 7·5 metric tons weight, which will be recognized as a certificate of professional competence for those between 18 and 21 years of age and as a certificate of adult training.

2. The Commission is of the opinion that the draft order and the proposed regulations are designed to achieve objects similar to those to which it will be addressing itself in proposals to be placed before the Council.

3. The Commission therefore pronounces in favour of the abovementioned ministerial order.

Done at Brussels, 17 June 1974.

For the Commission
The President
François-Xavier ORTOLI