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1. Regulation (EC) 561/2006[1] does not oblige insurance companies to insure cargo that is left unattended, and an insurance company does not violate that Regulation where it provides insurance in certain circumstances, but declines to provide it in others. The decision not to provide insurance for vehicles that are left unattended is a purely commercial decision which falls outside of the scope of Regulation (EC) 561/2006.

Where it is impossible to contract insurance for unattended cargo, transport undertakings may choose to organise the work of drivers by ensuring that the vehicles are parked in safe and secure parking areas when the regular weekly rest period of the driver begins. Indeed, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1012[2] provides the Union standards for an utmost protection for parked vehicles and cargo. The transport companies may also request the driver to return to their operational centre or even hire private garages.

2. The Commission acknowledges that the availability of safe and secure parking areas remains insufficient and unevenly distributed across the Union[3]. Even though parking is mainly a national (public and private) responsibility, the Union has co-funded so far about 152 parking areas with more than EUR 322 million under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)[4]. In the proposal for the CEF programme for 2028–2034, adopted in July 2025 in the context of the Multiannual Financial Framework[5], the Commission has proposed to continue financial support to expand and upgrade parking facilities to meet the Union standards.

[1] Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport and amending Council Regulations (EEC) No 3821/85 and (EC) No 2135/98 and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 (OJ L 102, 11.4.2006, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2006/561/oj).
[2] Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1012 of 7 April 2022 supplementing Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the establishment of standards detailing the level of service and security of safe and secure parking areas and to the procedures for their certification (OJ L 170, 28.6.2022, p. 27).
[3] Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the availability of suitable rest and secure parking facilities of 21 November 2025: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025DC0703&qid=1764595229529.
[4] Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 (OJ L 249, 14.7.2021, p. 38).
[5] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0571&qid=1753801194712.