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Work is ongoing within the Commission Expert Group on Smart Tachograph regarding the preparation of the draft implementing act which will enable the recording of occasional passenger services in the tachograph. A draft implementing act is expected to be tabled together with other improvements to the tachograph specifications for the Road Transport Committee's opinion before August 2026 before the Commission's adoption.

The 2025 Ernst and Young¹ consortium study on the Single European Digital Enforcement Area concluded that the Road Transport Posting Declaration portal, the public interface connected to the Internal Market Information system (IMI), is the optimal digital approach for the journey form. This choice is based on the fact that the posting declaration and the journey form have the same user base, that both declarations require similar data requirements, and that consolidating enforcement activities into an existing single portal would increase operational efficiency.

The Commission preliminary assessment suggests that the journey form cannot be abolished without creating information gaps in terms of enforcement. The recording of occasional passenger transport in the tachograph is not a direct substitute for the journey form. Specific data elements of the journey form, such as number of passengers and trip durations, are essential for effective oversight, particularly regarding cabotage operations and the application of derogations related to rest periods.

¹ A global leader in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services.