COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2000/56/EC
of 14 September 2000
amending Council Directive 91/439/EEC on driving licences
(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/439/EEC of 29 July 1991 on driving licences [1], as last amended by Directive 97/26/EC [2], and in particular Article 7(a)(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The list of harmonised Community codes as described in Annex I and Ia to Directive 91/439/EEC needs to be adapted.

(2) The list of harmonised Community codes requires further specification in view of scientific and technical progress in the field and additional practical experience gained with relevant adaptations.

(3) The minimum requirements for driving tests as laid down in Annex II of Directive 91/439/EEC have to be reviewed in the light of scientific and technical progress in the field.

(4) The review of Annex II is necessary in order to further harmonise the driving tests in the Community and to bring the testing requirements into line with the demands of daily traffic. Assessment criteria for the practical test should be introduced to enhance harmonisation further.

(5) The review of Annex II directly aims at improving road safety. Accordingly, the minimum requirements of the theory test and the practical test should be raised.

(6) The measures provided for in this Directive are in conformity with the opinion of the Committee on driving licences,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Directive 91/439/EEC is amended as follows:

1. Annex I and Annex Ia are amended as set out in Annex I to this Directive.

2. Annex II is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Directive.

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 30 September 2003 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of the essential provisions of national law which they adopt in the field governed by this Directive.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 September 2000.

For the Commission
Loyola DE PALACIO
Vice-President

[1] OJ L 237, 24.8.1991, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 150, 7.6.1997, p. 41.

ANNEX I

In Annex I, point (2), concerning page 4 of the licence, and in Annex Ia, point (2), concerning page 2 of the licence, point (a)(12), the first indent shall be replaced by the following:

'— codes 01 to 99: harmonised Community codes

DRIVER (Medical reasons)

01. Sight correction and/or protection

01.01 Glasses

01.02 Contact lense(s)

01.03 Protective glass

01.04 Opaque lense

01.05 Eye cover

01.06 Glasses or contact lenses

02. Hearing aid/communication aid

02.01 Hearing aid for one ear

02.02 Hearing aid for two ears

03. Prosthesis/orthosis for the limbs

03.01 Upper limb prosthesis/orthosis

03.02 Lower limb prosthesis/orthosis

05. Limited use (subcode use obligatory, driving subject to restrictions for medical reasons)

05.01 Limited to day time journeys (for example: one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset)

05.02 Limited to journeys within a radius of … km from holder's place of residence or only inside city/region …

05.03 Driving without passengers

05.04 Limited to journeys with a speed not greater than … km/h

05.05 Driving authorised solely when accompanied by a holder of a driving licence

05.06 Without trailer

05.07 No driving on motorways

05.08 No alcohol

VEHICLE ADAPTATIONS

10. Modified transmission

10.01 Manual transmission

10.02 Automatic transmission

10.03 Electronically operated transmission

10.04 Adjusted gear-shift lever

10.05 Without secondary gearbox

15. Modified clutch

15.01 Adjusted clutch pedal

15.02 Manual clutch

15.03 Automatic clutch

15.04 Partitioning in front of/fold away/detached clutch pedal

20. Modifies braking systems

20.01 Adjusted brake pedal

20.02 Enlarged brake pedal

20.03 Brake pedal suitable for use by left foot

20.04 Brake pedal by sole

20.05 Tilted brake pedal

20.06 Manual (adapted) service brake

20.07 Maximum use of reinforced service brake

20.08 Maximum use of emergency brake integrated in the service brake

20.09 Adjusted parking brake

20.10 Electrically operated parking brake

20.11 (Adjusted) foot operated parking brake

20.12 Partitioning in front of/fold away/detached brake pedal

20.13 Brake operated by knee

20.14 Electrically operated service brake

25. Modified accelerator systems

25.01 Adjusted accelerator pedal

25.02 Accelerator pedal by sole

25.03 Tilted accelerator pedal

25.04 Manual accelerator

25.05 Accelerator at knee

25.06 Servo accelerator (electronic, pneumatic, etc.)

25.07 Accelerator pedal on the left of brake pedal

25.08 Accelerator pedal on the left

25.09 Partitioning in front of/fold away/detached accelerator pedal

30. Modified combined braking and accelerator systems

30.01 Parallel pedals

30.02 Pedals at (or almost at) the same level

30.03 Accelerator and brake with sliding

30.04 Accelerator and brake with sliding and orthesis

30.05 Fold away/detached accelerator and brake pedals

30.06 Raised floor

30.07 Partitioning on the side of the brake pedal

30.08 Partitioning for prosthesis on the side of the brake pedal

30.09 Partitioning in front of the accelerator and brake pedals

30.10 Heel/leg support

30.11 Electrically operated accelerator and brake

35. Modified control layouts

(Lights switches, windscreen wiper/washer, horn, direction indicators, etc.)

35.01 Control devices operable without negative influence on the steering and handling

35.02 Control devices operable without releasing the steering wheel and accessories (knob, fork, etc.)

35.03 Control devices operable without releasing the steering wheel and accessories (knob, fork, etc.) with the left hand

35.04 Control devices operable without releasing the steering wheel and accessories (knob, fork, etc.) with the right hand

35.05 Control devices operable without releasing the steering wheel and accessories (knob, fork, etc.) and the combined accelerator and braking mechanisms

40. Modified steering

40.01 Standard assisted steering

40.02 Reinforced assisted steering

40.03 Steering with backup system

40.04 Lengthened steering column

40.05 Adjusted steering wheel (Larger and/or thicker steering wheel section, reduced diameter steering wheel, etc.)

40.06 Tilted steering wheel

40.07 Vertical steering wheel

40.08 Horizontal steering wheel

40.09 Foot operated driving

40.10 Alternative adjusted steering (joy-stick, etc.)

40.11 Knob on the steering wheel

40.12 Hand orthesis on the steering wheel

40.13 With orthesis tenodese

42. Modified rearview mirror(s)

42.01 External (left or) right-side rear-view mirror

42.02 External rear-view mirror set on the wing

42.03 Additional inside rear-view mirror permitting view of traffic

42.04 Panoramic inside rear-view mirror

42.05 Blind spot rear-view mirror

42.06 Electrically operated outside rear-view mirror(s)

43. Modified driver seat

43.01 Driver seat at a good viewing height and in normal distance from the steering wheel and the pedal

43.02 Driver seat adjusted to body shape

43.03 Driver seat with lateral support for good sitting stability

43.04 Driver seat with armrest

43.05 Lengthening of sliding driver's seat

43.06 Seat-belt adjustment

43.07 Harness-type seat-belt

44. Modifications to motorcycles (subcode use obligatory)

44.01 Single operated brake

44.02 (Adjusted) hand operated brake (front wheel)

44.03 (Adjusted) foot operated brake (back wheel)

44.04 (Adjusted) accelerator handle

44.05 (Adjusted) manual transmission and manual clutch

44.06 (Adjusted) rear-view mirror(s)

44.07 (Adjusted) commands (direction indicators, braking light, …)

44.08 Seat height allowing the driver, in sitting position, to have two feet on the road at the same time

45. Motorcycle with side-car only

50. Restricted to a specific vehicle/chassis number (vehicle identification number, VIN)

51. Restricted to a specific vehicle/registration plate (vehicle registration number, VRN)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

70. Exchange of licence No … issued by … (EU/UN distinguishing sign in the case of a third country; e.g: 70.0123456789.NL)

71. Duplicate of licence No … (EU/UN distinguishing sign in the case of a third country; e.g: 71.987654321.HR)

72. Restricted to category A vehicles having a maximum cylinder capacity of 125 cc and maximum power of 11 KW (A1)

73. Restricted to category B vehicles of the motor tricycle or quadricycle type (B1)

74. Restricted to category C vehicles the maximum authorised mass of which does not exceed 7 500 kg (C1)

75. Restricted to category D vehicles with not more than 16 seats, excluding the driver's seat (D1)

76. Restricted to category C vehicles the maximum authorised mass of which does not exceed 7 500 kg (C1), attached to a trailer the maximum authorised mass of which exceeds 750 kg, provided that the maximum authorised mass of the vehicle train thus formed does not exceed 12 000 kg, and that the maximum authorised mass of the trailer does not exceed the unladen mass of the drawing vehicle (C1+E)

77. Restricted to category D vehicles with not more than 16 passenger seats, excluding the driver's seat (D1), attached to a trailer the maximum authorised mass of which exceeds 750 kg provided that (a) the maximum authorised mass of the vehicle train thus formed does not exceed 12 000 kg and the maximum authorised mass of the trailer does not exceed the unladen mass of the drawing vehicle and (b) the trailer is not used to carry passengers (D1+E)

78. Restricted to vehicles with automatic transmission

    (Directive 91/439/EEC, Annex II, 8.1.1., §2)

79. (...) Restricted to vehicles which comply with the specifications indicated in brackets, in the context of the application of Article 10(1) of the Directive

    90.01: to the left

    90.02: to the right

    90.03: left

    90.04: right

    90.05: hand

    90.06: foot

    90.07: usable'