

## COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 26 July 1988

amending Directive 77/143/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers

(88/449/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 75 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament <sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee <sup>(3)</sup>,

Whereas the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted a resolution on road safety on 19 December 1984 <sup>(4)</sup>;

Whereas Directive 77/143/EEC <sup>(5)</sup> provides for the regular roadworthiness testing of certain road vehicles only (buses, coaches, heavy goods vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers over 3,5 tonnes, taxis and ambulances);

Whereas roadworthiness testing could usefully be extended also to light goods vehicles, while examination of the Commission proposal concerning the introduction of such testing for private cars is continued;

Whereas the present systems of testing vehicles, where they exist, differ widely and whereas it is appropriate not only to require testing but also to harmonize as far as possible the frequency of tests and the items for which testing is compulsory;

Whereas the date of application set for the measures referred to in this Directive should allow time for the administrative and technical arrangements required for carrying out the tests to be set up or strengthened, particularly in those Member States where no provision for the tests yet exists,

*Article 1*

Directive 77/143/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. The present wording of Article 7 becomes paragraph 1 of that Article and the following paragraph is added:

'2. With regard to the vehicles referred to in point 5 of Annex I, paragraph 1 shall apply until 1 January 1993.

However, in Member States where there is no system of roadworthiness testing for this category of vehicles, paragraph 1 shall apply until 1 January 1995.'

2. The following paragraph is added to Annex I:

'5. Motor vehicles with at least four wheels, normally used for the road carriage of goods and with a maximum permissible weight not exceeding 3 500 kg, excluding agricultural tractors and machinery'.

'Four years after the date on which the vehicle was first used, and thereafter every two years'.

3. Annex II is replaced by the Annex to this Directive.

*Article 2*

1. Member States shall, after consulting the Commission, adopt the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive at the latest within two years of its notification <sup>(6)</sup>.

2. Member States shall inform the Commission of the measures they have taken to comply with this Directive.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 133, 31. 5. 1986, p. 3.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 76, 23. 3. 1987, p. 194.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No C 333, 29. 12. 1986, p. 7.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No C 342, 29. 12. 1984, p. 1.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 47, 18. 2. 1977, p. 47.

<sup>(6)</sup> This Directive was notified to Member States on 28 July 1988.

*Article 3*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1988.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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## ANNEX

## ANNEX II

The test shall cover at least the items listed below, provided that these are related to the equipment which is obligatory in the Member State concerned for the vehicle being tested.

VEHICLES IN CATEGORIES 1, 2, 3 OR 4	VEHICLES IN CATEGORIES 5 AND 6
<p>1. BRAKING SYSTEMS</p> <p>1.1. Service brake</p> <p>1.1.1. Mechanical condition</p> <p>1.1.2. Efficiency</p> <p>1.1.3. Balance</p> <p>1.1.4. Vacuum pump and compressor</p> <p>1.2. Secondary brake</p> <p>1.2.1. Mechanical condition</p> <p>1.2.2. Efficiency</p> <p>1.2.3. Balance</p> <p>1.3. Parking brake</p> <p>1.3.1. Mechanical condition</p> <p>1.3.2. Efficiency</p> <p>1.4. Trailer or semi-trailer brakes</p> <p>1.4.1. Mechanical condition — Automatic braking system</p> <p>1.4.2. Efficiency</p>	<p>1. BRAKING SYSTEMS</p> <p>1.1. Service brake</p> <p>1.1.1. Mechanical condition</p> <p>1.1.2. Efficiency</p> <p>1.1.3. Balance</p> <p>1.2. Parking brake</p> <p>1.2.1. Mechanical condition</p> <p>1.2.2. Efficiency</p>
<p>2. STEERING AND STEERING WHEEL</p> <p>2.1. Mechanical condition</p> <p>2.2. Steering wheel</p> <p>2.3. Steering play</p>	<p>2. STEERING</p> <p>2.1. Mechanical condition</p> <p>2.2. Steering play</p> <p>2.3. Steering system attachment</p> <p>2.4. Wheel bearings</p>
<p>3. VISIBILITY</p> <p>3.1. Field of vision</p> <p>3.2. Condition of glass</p> <p>3.3. Rear-view mirrors</p> <p>3.4. Windscreen wipers</p> <p>3.5. Screenwashers</p>	<p>3. VISIBILITY</p> <p>3.1. Field of vision</p> <p>3.2. Condition of glass</p> <p>3.3. Rear-view mirrors</p> <p>3.4. Windscreen wipers</p> <p>3.5. Screenwashers</p>
<p>4. LAMPS, REFLECTORS AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT</p> <p>4.1. Main and dipped-beam headlamps</p> <p>4.1.1. Condition and operation</p> <p>4.1.2. Alignment</p> <p>4.1.3. Switches</p> <p>4.1.4. Visual efficiency</p>	<p>4. LIGHTING EQUIPMENT</p> <p>4.1. Main and dipped-beam headlamps</p> <p>4.1.1. Condition and operation</p> <p>4.1.2. Alignment</p> <p>4.1.3. Switches</p>

VEHICLES IN CATEGORIES 1, 2, 3 OR 4	VEHICLES IN CATEGORIES 5 AND 6
<p>4.2. Side lamps and end-outline marker lamps:</p> <p>4.2.1. Condition and operation</p> <p>4.2.2. Colour and visual efficiency</p> <p>4.3. Stop lamps</p> <p>4.3.1. Condition and operation</p> <p>4.3.2. Colour and visual efficiency</p> <p>4.4. Direction-indicator lamps</p> <p>4.4.1. Condition and operation</p> <p>4.4.2. Colour and visual efficiency</p> <p>4.4.3. Switches</p> <p>4.4.4. Flashing frequency</p> <p>4.5. Front and rear fog lamps</p> <p>4.5.1. Position</p> <p>4.5.2. Condition and operation</p> <p>4.5.3. Colour and visual efficiency</p> <p>4.6. Reversing lamps</p> <p>4.6.1. Condition and operation</p> <p>4.6.2. Colour and visual efficiency</p> <p>4.7. Rear registration plate lamp</p> <p>4.8. Reflex reflectors — Conditon and colour</p> <p>4.9. Tell-tales</p> <p>4.10. Electrical connections between tractor vehicle and trailer or semi-trailer</p> <p>4.11. Electrical wiring</p>	<p>4.2. Condition and operation, condition of lenses, colour and visual efficiency of:</p> <p>4.2.1. Side and rear lamps</p> <p>4.2.2. Stop lamps</p> <p>4.2.3. Direction-indicator lamps</p> <p>4.2.4. Reversing lamps</p> <p>4.2.5. Fog lamps</p> <p>4.2.6. Registration plate lamps</p> <p>4.2.7. Reflex reflectors</p> <p>4.2.8. Hazard warning lamps</p>
<p>5. AXLES, WHEELS, TYRES, SUSPENSION</p> <p>5.1. Axles</p> <p>5.2. Wheels and tyres</p> <p>5.3. Suspension</p>	<p>5. AXLES, WHEELS, TYRES, SUSPENSION</p> <p>5.1. Axles</p> <p>5.2. Wheels and tyres</p> <p>5.3. Suspension</p>
<p>6. CHASSIS AND CHASSIS ATTACHMENTS</p> <p>6.1. Chassis or frame and attachments</p> <p>6.1.1. General condition</p> <p>6.1.2. Exhaust pipes and silencers</p> <p>6.1.3. Fuel tank and pipes</p>	<p>6. CHASSIS AND CHASSIS ATTACHMENTS</p> <p>6.1. Chassis or frame and attachments</p> <p>6.1.1. General condition</p> <p>6.1.2. Exhaust pipes and silencers</p> <p>6.1.3. Fuel tank and pipes</p>

VEHICLES IN CATEGORIES 1, 2, 3 OR 4	VEHICLES IN CATEGORIES 5 AND 6
6.1.4. Geometric properties and condition of rear protective device, heavy lorries	6.1.4. Spare wheel carrier
6.1.5. Spare wheel carrier	6.1.5. Security of coupling mechanism (if fitted)
6.1.6. Coupling mechanism on tractor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	
6.2. Cab and bodywork	6.2. Bodywork
6.2.1. General condition	6.2.1. Structural condition
6.2.2. Mounting	6.2.2. Doors and locks
6.2.3. Doors and locks	
6.2.4. Floor	
6.2.5. Driver's seat	
6.2.6. Running boards	
7. OTHER EQUIPMENT	7. OTHER EQUIPMENT
7.1. Safety belts	7.1. Mounting of driver's seat
7.2. Fire extinguisher	7.2. Mounting of battery
7.3. Locks and anti-theft device	7.3. Audible warning device
7.4. Warning triangle	7.4. Warning triangle
7.5. First-aid kit	7.5. Safety belts
	7.5.1. Security of mountings
	7.5.2. Condition of belts
	7.5.3. Operation
7.6. Wheel chock(s)	
7.7. Audible warning device	
7.8. Speedometer	
7.9. Tachograph (presence of, and integrity of seals)	
8. NUISANCE	8. NUISANCE
8.1. Noise	8.1. Noise
8.2. Exhaust emissions	8.2. Exhaust emissions
8.3. Suppression of radio interference	
9. SUPPLEMENTARY TESTS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLES	
9.1. Emergency exit(s) (including hammers for breaking windows), signs indicating emergency exit(s)	
9.2. Heating system	
9.3. Ventilation system	
9.4. Seat lay-out	
9.5. Interior lighting	
10. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION	10. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION
10.1. Registration number plate	10.1. Registration number plate
10.2. Chassis number	10.2. Chassis number