

Car industry: front underrun protection of motor vehicles (amend. Directive 70/156/EEC)

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AIM: To reduce the number of road-accident victims by introducing new rules governing the protection of heavy goods vehicles against frontal underrun. COMMUNITY MEASURE: European Parliament and Council Directive 2000/40/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the front underrun protection of motor vehicles and amending Council Directive 70/156/EEC. CONTENT: The Directive introduces legislative measures designed to improve the protection of heavy goods vehicles against frontal underrun. It applies to new types of vehicle approved after a stipulated date and defines a testing procedure which will provide a realistic simulation of a typical frontal collision between a car and a heavy goods vehicle. The proposal incorporates the technical specifications compiled by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE Regulation No 93). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 10 August 2000. DEADLINE FOR NATIONAL TRANSPOSITION: 10 August 2001.