Driving licences, system of harmonized codes (amend. Directive 91/439/EEC)

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The common position of the Council concerning the modification of the 1991 directive on driving licences takes into account the two amendments adopted by the European Parliament at first reading and incorporated by the Commission in its amended proposal. It should be noted that by comparison with the Commission proposal, the common position: - alters the type of committee appointed to assist the Commission in adapting the annexes of Directive 91/439/EEC (type IIIa, while the Commission had provided for a type IIb committee); - confirms the mandate of the new committee on driving licences with regard to annexes II and III of Directive 91/439/EEC; nevertheless limits the competence of this committee in respect of annexes I and Ia, to the definition of codes and sub-codes as well as the facultative or obligatory character of using certain harmonized sub-codes; - sets, as in the case for motorcycles, the maximum design speed of three-wheeled motor vehicles and quadricycles at 45 km/h instead of 50 km/h, in line with the dispositions of Directive 92/61/EEC.