

Carriage of passengers: vehicles comprising more than 8 seats or maximum length 15m (amend. direct. 70/156/EEC)

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Commissioner Bangemann divided the amendments tabled into three groups. Firstly there were the amendments which corrected mistakes in the original proposal or which improved the text; the Commissioner said that he could accept this type of amendment of which there were 22 in total. However, he could not accept the amendments which made alterations or additions to the proposed technical requirements nor the amendments which proposed fundamental alterations in respect of sensitive points (for example, in this last group, he cited the case of the special provisions for the United Kingdom and Ireland), as he stressed the need to maintain the proposed compromise between the traditions of these countries (the double-decker bus) and the safety requirements.