

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

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PREVIOUS COMMUNITY LEGISLATION: Directive 92/53/EEC amending directive 70/156/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers (OJ L 225, 10.8.1992, p. 1). This is a framework directive which has already been incorporated into other directives on more detailed aspects of the subject. Mention may also be made of Directive 90/628/EEC adapting to technical progress Directive 77/541/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to safety belts and restraint systems of motor vehicles (OJ L 341, 6.12.1990, p. 1), which stressed the need to improve, by means of a future directive, the protection of bus and coach passengers against the risk of ejection in the event of an accident. PREVIOUS POSITION OF EP: in its resolutions of 12 March 1993 on a Community programme for action on road safety (OJ C 115, 26.4.1993) and 16 December 1993 on seat-belts in coaches (OJ C 20, 24.1.1994, p. 260), Parliament called on the Commission as a matter of urgency to introduce provisions concerning the fitting of seatbelts and roll-over bars in coaches. SITUATION IN THE MEMBER STATES: Directive 92/53/EEC has been implemented by all the Member States (12-Member Union) except for Germany, France and Greece.