

Motor Insurance: civil liability, fourth directive (amend. direct. 73/239/EEC, 88/357/EEC, 92/49/EEC)

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The Commission accepted three of the Parliament's amendments in full and in the spirit of one other amendment. It did not accept fifteen amendments adopted by the Parliament. The amendments accepted were: -the choice of claims representative shall be at the discretion of the insurer; -Member States may not restrict the choice of the claims representative; -the claims representative may work for one or more insurer; -the claims representative must possess sufficient linguistic capacities and be able to examine cases in the official language of the Member State of residence of the injured party. The amendment accepted in spirit involves the Article relating to delay for the delivering of information by the information centre. The injured party must be able to obtain information without undue delay. The remaining amendments were rejected. Notably, the Commission will not accept amendments designed to extend the scope of application of the Directive to accidents between two EU parties, insured by EU insurance companies, which occur in third countries.