Road safety: compulsory use of belts for children under 12 years of age (amend. Directive 91/671 /EEC)

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PURPOSE : to improve road safety, in particular for children. CONTENT : this proposal proposes to amend Directive 91/671/EEC by: - defining the various types of safety belt and child restraint systems which should be approved to at least the technical standard of UN/ECE Regulation 44.03 or its equivalent; - requiring children of less than 12 years of age to be restrained by an appropriate child and restraint systems; - requiring drivers and passengers of all motor vehicles equipped with safety belts to wear them and places the responsibilities on the driver for informing passengers of the need to wear their seat belts; - requiring that rearward facing child restraints should not be used in the vehicles front passenger seat unless the passenger seat airbas is de-activated; - deletes Article 4 of Directive 91/671/EEC, which led to the disparity by Member States in the application of the Directive.