

Motor vehicles and trailers: masses and dimensions

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The rapporteur, Mr Roger BARTON (PSE, UK) regretted that the directive did not harmonize the maximum authorized masses of motor vehicles and trailers before they were registered in the Member States. However, their maximum dimensions could be harmonized. He considered that the question of masses could be dealt with by providing for recourse to a uniform procedure for determining registration /in service maximum permissible mass in each Member State. The rapporteur was most insistent that the public should be guaranteed a high level of safety and that constant efforts should be made to improve the safety of trailers.