

Speed limitation devices or similar speed limitation on-board systems of certain categories of motor vehicles (amend. Directive 92/24/EEC)

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PURPOSE : to amend Directive 92/24/EEC by extending its scope to cover lighter commercial vehicles above 3.5 tonnes maximum mass. **CONTENT** : Directive 92/24/EEC contains the technical requirements for type-approval of speed limitation devices and applies to motor vehicles of categories N2 (medium trucks) and M3 (buses and coaches) with a maximum mass exceeding 10 tonnes and to motor vehicles of category N3 (heavy trucks). This directive is linked with Directive 92/6/EEC, regulating the installation and use of speed limitation devices for the same categories of vehicles. Based on the positive experience and to further promote road safety and environmental protection Directive 2002/85/EC on the installation and use of speed limitation devices has been adopted recently. This Directive extends the scope of Directive 92/6/EEC and introduces speed limitation devices for all vehicles with more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat used for the carriage of passengers (categories M2 and M3) and for all vehicles used for the carriage of goods and exceeding 3.5 tonnes maximum mass (categories N2 and N3). To allow type-approval of all vehicles and speed limitation devices covered by this amendment it is now necessary to amend the scope of the type-approval Directive 92/24/EEC relating to the construction requirements for speed limitation devices accordingly. This proposal extends the scope of Directive 92/24/EEC to cover all motor vehicles of categories M2, M3, N2 and N3. It amends Article 1 and Annex I, item 1.1 relating to the scope of the directive. The technical requirements and administrative type approval provisions remain unchanged. This proposal will extend the harmonised requirements for speed limitation devices or similar speed limitation on-board systems to all motor vehicles of categories M2 and M3 for the carriage of passengers.