Roadworthiness tests for vehicles, speed limitation devices (consol. and amend. Directive 77/143/EEC)

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The transport committee has retabled most amendments to Council's common position on roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers not accepted by Ministers. These the House tabled following amendments: * high standard roadworthiness tests with constant monitoring by the Commission of the practical application carried out by the Member States; * rapid extension of these tests to two- and three-wheeled vehicles; * constant checks of both public and private testing centres in order to prevent fraud; * an increase of frequency of checks to 3 years after the date on which the vehicle was first used and every year thereafter for small vans and minibuses with a weight not exceeding 3,5 tonnes. Rapporteur Spalato BELLERE also asked that the possibility for Member States to have tests carried out on historic vehicles which were manufactured before 1 January 1960 be reinstated. An amendment seeking a ban on the use of vehicles which have not passed the braking system or exhaust gas tests was also reinstated. Lastly, the committee wants the directive to be implemented 6 months after its entry into force instead of one year, so that it could come into force during 1997