Driving licences, system of harmonized codes (amend. Directive 91/439/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a directive is aimed at defining a harmonized set of codes for the information to be entered in national driving licences based on the Community model. The aim is to make it easier to understand and thus reciprocally to recognize licences during intra-Community travel. SUBSTANCE: the Commission proposal: - amends Annexes I and I bis to Directive 91/439/EEC (which defines the Community models for driving licences) by introducing harmonized codes; - proposes that a committee be set up for the adaptation to technical and scientific progress of Annexes I, II and III of Directive 91/439/EEC; - aligns the definition of the term 'motorcycle' with that of Directive 92/61/EEC on the type approval of two and three-wheel motor vehicles; - provides that the harmonized set of codes may be introduced with effect from 1 July 1996, the date of entry into force of Directive 91/439/EEC.