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

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The Commission's modified proposal amending the 1991 directive on driving licences has incorporated in total or in part 2 of the 18 European Parliament amendments. They seek to: - add to the text a reference to the sub-codes; - supplement the harmonized codes 02 (communication aid) and 03 (for the limbs), to make these references more specific, and for the codes 70 and 71 to add a reference to the list of ECE/UN symbols for third countries, the symbols of Member States having already been specified in annexes 1 and 1a of directive 91/439/EEC; - add a code 79 to cover cases of equivalence between categories of licence issued before the date of implementation of directive 91/439/EEC (1 July 1979) and the categories defined in Article 3 of the directive. The use of code 79 would be limited to the possible maintenance of acquired rights by holders of a licence obtained before 1 July 1996. However, the Commission has not accepted the amendments concerning in particular: the addition of a recital concerning the code of conduct concluded between Parliament and the Council; the setting up of a European penalty points driving licence system; the mutual recognition of decisions to suspend or withdraw driving licences; the inclusion of medical standards for driving; the introduction of a universal code 00, without a definition; the composition and working method of the management committee.