Motor vehicles and trailers: liquid-fuel tanks, rear underrun protection (amend. direct. 70/221 /EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: to amend Directive 70/221/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to liquid-fuel tanks and rear underrun protection of motor vehicles and their trailers. SUBSTANCE: the present proposal introduces into Directive 70/221/EEC new provisions concerning plastic tanks for category M1 vehicles. It is proposed that these provisions should apply: - from 01/10 /1999, to all new types of vehicle; - from 01/10/2000, to all new vehicles. It is also proposed that the title of Directive 70/221/EEC be amended and its scope extended to include tanks for non-liquid (namely gaseous) fuels and that the Directive be amended as regards adaptation of the Annexes to technical progress so that in future technical provisions concerning tanks for all types of fuels can be inserted and amended under the committee procedure.