

Motor vehicles: heating systems for the passenger compartment (amend. direct. 70/156/EEC, repeal. direct. 78/548/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: the purpose of the proposal for a Directive is to amend Directive 78/548/EEC on heating systems for the passenger compartment of motor vehicles by inserting improved requirements for all kinds of heating systems for passenger compartments and by aligning the administrative provisions of the Directive to those of the framework Directive establishing the type approval procedure for motor vehicles and trailers (Directive 70/156/EEC as last amended by Directive 98/14/EC). **SUBSTANCE:** for safety reasons, it is proposed that Directive 78/548/EEC be amended by inserting requirements for combustion heaters and their installation which ensure that such devices comply with the highest standards consistent with current technology. The proposal also provides for the possibility of granting type approval for the heating device as a component which can then be installed in any vehicle without further technical testing, or as part of a specific vehicle when fitted in it. Under the proposal, the new provisions would apply: - from 01/10/2000, to all new types of vehicle, - from 01/10/2001, to all new vehicles.