

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

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The Commission's amended proposal accepts 6 of the European Parliament's amendments that seek to clarify the initial text, as well as three amendments regarding specific safety issues. The changes accepted by the Commission concern: - an amendment saying that not only the driver but also the passengers should not be able to come into contact with parts of the vehicle or heated air liable to cause burns; - an amendment concerning gaseous fuel combustion heaters equipped with an automatic flame supervision device and introducing a reduced ignition and switching time for the supply of fuel in case of emergency; - an amendment stating that, in the case a notice at the fuelling point is not suitable, such notice should be fixed at the driver's door area, warning users of combustion heaters that the heater must be shut down during refuelling. The Commission rejected 2 amendments: - inviting it to draw up proposals for tests on the efficiency of combustion heaters by 1 October 2001; - introducing alternative prescriptions for the conditions in which a combustion heater may be positioned in the passenger compartment of M2 and M3 vehicles.