

# **Technical roadside inspection of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles circulating in the Community**

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The Commission's amended proposal accepts 11 out of the 17 amendments proposed by the European Parliament. The Commission believes that the amendments are acceptable as they clarify procedures for the application of the Directive and do not impose any undue problems for the authorities. The amendments relate to : - the replacement of the word 'operators' with 'undertaking' which is more comprehensive; - the standardisation of the format of the inspection forms to reduce language difficulties; - the combination of the roadworthiness inspections with other statutory inspections; - the notification of the format of roadside inspections from the Member States to the Commission and the Commission to notify Parliament of the results of the programme's two year assessment; - the clarification of the action to be taken where a vehicle has recently undergone an inspection; - a new clause that requires that a statistical record be made of vehicles that successfully pass the inspection and that they be delayed for the minimum time possible; - the requirement that details of the office which carries out the checks and contact persons are provided between relevant Authorities; - the prosecution for defective vehicles will be carried out according to the law of the Member State that carries out the inspection; - the introduction of evidence of diesel fuel and/or oil spillage as a reason for failure. The Commission did not accept the amendments relating to : - the harmonisation of examiner training, infringement penalties and technical and human resources; - the pass or failure of vehicles on a roadside inspection; - vehicles for animal transportation to be included as a vehicle group.