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

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Giuseppe FARASSINO (ELDR, I) on the amendment of Directive 91/439/EEC (in force since 1 July 1996) on a European driving licence. Its prime request was extension of the principle of mutual recognition of driving licences by Member States to the suspension and withdrawal of licences. This would mean that suspension or withdrawal of a driving licence in the Member State where the offence is committed would have legal effect throughout the Community and would be notified to the competent authority of the Member State that delivered the driving licence in question. Parliament also asked: - for a universal 00 code for specific information to be entered on the driving licence and limit dates for definition of subdivision of the codes; - the Commission to present a proposal for the introduction of a European penalty points driving licence system; - that the driving licence should be issued or renewed in the case of applicants or drivers with diabetes where there are no existing complications.