

Carriage of passengers: vehicles comprising more than 8 seats or maximum length 15m (amend. direct. 70/156/EEC)

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In adopting the report by Mr Simon MURPHY (PSE, UK), the European Parliament decided against laying down technical specifications for buses. The purpose of the amendments adopted was to delete the detailed technical annexes to the proposal, thereby highlighting the fact that it was up to the legislative authority to determine the general objectives of legislation. Parliament accordingly called for the setting-up of a standing technical working party which would consist of equal numbers of representatives of operators, manufacturers, associations of users and national authorities representing persons with reduced mobility, and would lay down the technical specifications for the implementation of the guidelines to ensure passenger safety and access for persons with reduced mobility. Parliament called on the Commission to submit to it, six months after the entry into force of the Directive: - a study on the level of safety for the drivers and other occupants of vehicles used for the carriage of passengers, with a capacity of more than eight passengers, in seats or in wheelchairs, in addition to the driver; - a study on the in-use service aspects of these vehicles.