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NOTE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON DRIVING LICENCES

Subject: Draft Commission Directive amending Directive 2006/126/EC on driving licences – Transitional period for test vehicles of category A

Dear Madam and Sir,

During the last meeting of the Committee on Driving Licences on 26 June 2012, the Commission requested the opinion of the committee on a draft Commission Directive amending Annexes I and II of Directive 2006/126/EC on driving licences. The content of the draft Directive is based on the work of the driving licence technical expert group (DLTEG) set up under the driving licence committee.

The driving licence committee delivered a favourable opinion.

In accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC, the proposed amendment was submitted to the European Parliament and the Council for their right of scrutiny. During this process, several Member States proposed, as regards in particular the introduction of modified requirements for testing vehicles of category A in Annex II, part I, point B(5.2), a longer transitional period for the application of such requirements to avoid to create an additional economic burden on the training industry until 31 December 2018.

The Commission has some understanding for the positions expressed by these Member States.

While the draft measures that received a positive opinion in the Comitology are to be rapidly adopted to allow the application as of 19 January 2013 of the main provisions of the draft Directive, the COM is undertaking the necessary steps to initiate a new proposal to introduce in Annex II of Directive 2006/126/EC a longer transitional period in line with the above mentioned suggestion, by which Member States could authorize the use of motorcycles of category A whose unladen mass is below 180 kg and with a power rating below 50 kW, but of at least 40 kW, until 31 December 2018.

I herewith wish to inform you that the Commission has launched the procedure in view of consulting the driving licence committee on a new draft amendment of Directive 2006/126/EC, introducing the above-mentioned transitional period, to be submitted through written procedure.

Yours sincerely,


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