



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Brussels, 04.06.1998
COM(1998) 273 final

96/0267 (COD)

**AMENDED PROPOSAL FOR A
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL DIRECTIVE**

on the transport of dangerous goods by road and amending Directive 70/156/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers .

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 189 a (2)
of the EC-Treaty)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Parliament on 19-02-1998 adopted one amendment to the proposal adopted by the Commission on 10-12-1996 on a European Parliament and Council Directive on the transport of dangerous goods by road and amending Directive 70/156/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers .

In accordance with Article 189b(2)(d) of the Treaty, the Commission hereby delivers a favourable opinion on the amendment, for the following reason :

The proposed indication of the date of entering in force of the directive is more correct than indicated in the Commission proposal.

For this reason, the Commission has decided, in line with Article 189a of the EC Treaty, to alter its proposal so as to incorporate the amendment adopted by the Parliament.

- Given the importance of the implementation of this directive, it considers it a matter of urgency that the Council modifies its common position accordingly and adopts the text in question.

Amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the transport of dangerous goods by road and amending Directive 70/156/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers .

Initial Proposal	Amended Proposal
(Amendment 1) Article 6, 1 st paragraph	
<p>Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive before on or before [1 January 1997]. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.</p>	<p>Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive <u>within 12 months of its publication.</u> They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.</p>

ISSN 0254-1475

COM(98) 273 final

DOCUMENTS

EN

07 06 14 02

Catalogue number : CB-CO-98-285-EN-C

ISBN 92-78-35484-8

Office for Official Publications of the European Communities

L-2985 Luxembourg