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Bringing national legislation into line: car number
plates and radio interference.

The Commission has adopted two proposals for Council directives intended to bring national regulations into line.

The first concerns the rear number-plates of motor vehicles. At present, most manufacturers seem to find it impossible to design motor bodies that can take the official registration plate of any Member State. The directive proposed by the Commission is intended to overcome these difficulties and solve the problems posed by the different shapes and sizes of registration plates and by the different ways in which the same plate can be placed and fixed.

The other directive concerns the suppression of radio interference from motor vehicles. The object is to harmonize the existing regulations on the subject and work out arrangements for the mutual recognition of controls carried out by Member States in accordance with Community provisions. If the principle of mutual recognition of controls - also embodied in the directive on traffic indicators - is adopted, Member States will not be able to withhold approval of a motor vehicle that fulfils the common technical requirements, and once such approval or partial approval has been granted by the authorities of one State it will be valid in all the other Community countries.
