Commission Implementing Directive 2014/37/EU of 27 February 2014 amending Council Directive 91/671/EEC relating to the compulsory use of safety belts and child restraint systems in vehicles

Article 1

Article 2 of Directive 91/671/EEC is amended as follows:

- (1) point 1(a)(i) shall be replaced by the following:
 - (i) for M1, N1, N2 and N3 vehicles, Member States shall require that all occupants of vehicles in use shall use the safety systems provided.

Children less than 150 cm in height occupying M1, N1, N2 and N3 vehicles fitted with safety systems shall be restrained by an integral or non-integral child-restraint system, within the meaning of Article 1(4)(a) and (b), which is suitable for the child's physical features in accordance with:

- classification provided for in Article 1(3), for child restraint systems approved in accordance with point (c)(i) of this paragraph;
- the size range and maximum occupant mass for which the child restraint system is intended, as indicated by the manufacturer, for child restraint systems approved in accordance with point (c)(ii) of this paragraph.

In M1, N1, N2 and N3 vehicles that are not fitted with safety systems:

- children under three years of age may not be transported,
- without prejudice to point (ii), children aged three and over and less than 150 cm in height shall occupy a seat other than a front seat;
- (2) point 1(c) shall be replaced by the following:
 - (c) where a child-restraint system is used, it shall be approved to the standards of:
 - i) UNECE Regulation 44/03 or Directive 77/541/EEC or
 - ii) UNECE Regulation 129;

or any subsequent adaptation thereto.

The child restraint system shall be installed in accordance with fitting information (e.g. instruction manual, leaflet or electronic publication) provided by the manufacturer of the child restraint system declaring in what manner and in which vehicle types the system may be safely used.

Article 2

1 Member States shall adopt and publish the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive six months after its entry into force at the latest. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

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Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2014.

For the Commission, On behalf of the President,

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