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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**Subject:** Petition 0317/2012 by Jurgen Brul (Dutch), on rear view cameras in cars

### 1. Summary of petition

The petitioner calls for an obligation to install a rear view camera in all cars in the European Union. This obligation should also apply to all army vehicles using public roads. According to the petitioner, many accidents, especially those involving children and elderly people, could have been prevented if a rear view camera had been installed in the vehicles concerned.

### 2. Admissibility

Declared admissible on 2 July 2012. Information requested from Commission under Rule 202(6).

### 3. Commission reply, received on 24 October 2012

The petitioner calls for an obligation to install a rear view camera in all cars in the European Union, just like in the United States.

First of all, according to type-approval requirements laid down in Directive 2007/46/EC on the approval of motor vehicles and their trailers (OJ L 263, 9.10.2007, p.1), all vehicles in the EU have to be equipped with a device for indirect vision, such as rear view mirrors or camera systems. Camera systems must comply with the requirements of Directive 2003/97/EC as amended (OJ L 25, 29.1.2004, p. 1).

It should also be pointed out that type-approval for vehicles designed and constructed for the use by armed forces is optional in the EU.

Moreover, the design and the size of vehicles, in particular vehicles in private use, in the EU

are different from those used in the US. Thus the issues related to rear visibility are different.

Finally, the European road accident database, CARE, does not provide evidence that this type of accident is a particular problem in the EU.

#### Conclusion

Type-approval legislation already allows installation of rear view cameras in vehicles as a means for indirect vision.

In view of the facts presented above the Commission considers that proposing mandatory rear view cameras for vehicles is not necessary at this moment.