

Amendment 333

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Driving licences

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Proposal for a directive**Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point b***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

(b) for category B1 up to 18 years;

(b) for category B1 **down to 15 years exclusively for vehicles referred to in Article 9(4), first subparagraph, point (c) or** up to 18 years;

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Justification

Vehicles equivalent to category B license type motor vehicles but with a technically enforced speed limit (county code 60.03) have been driven in Sweden from the age of 15 requiring AM category license on public roads for many decades with no significant impact on public road safety. Due to considerable distances, public transport scarcity and colder climate limiting suitable vehicle options, this category of vehicle is of high significance for young people in Sweden, especially in northern sparsely populated areas. Compared to today, raising the age limit from 15 to 16 years would significantly impair the possibilities for young citizens outside of the urban areas in Sweden to fulfil their mobility needs. As a B1 category driving license will be required for driving the concerned category of vehicle in the future, with theoretical and practical skill requirements equivalent to the B category license, proportional measures are implemented to strengthen road safety without limiting the mobility of young citizens in sparsely populated areas. The B1 license for the concerned vehicles remains voluntary, as well as the proposed lower age limit in this amendment, ensuring that Member States other than Sweden are not affected.