

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3560/06
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to the Commission

Subject: Revision of Council Directive 96/53/EC

Because the EU has made a host of add-on safety features mandatory, the unladen weight of vehicles, in particular twin-axle buses, has been increased considerably, though total maximum authorised weight has not been brought into line accordingly at the same time.

Is the Commission planning to submit appropriate proposals for revising Council Directive 96/53/EC¹ in order to bring it into line with engineering developments in vehicle construction and/or to bring the total maximum authorised weight of twin-axle buses into line with the state of the art?

¹ OJ L 235, 17.9.1996, p. 59.