

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4172/06
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to the Commission

Subject: Compulsory sight test for drivers in Sweden

Serious injuries and fatalities are common outcomes of road accidents. Such accidents may often be caused by poorer vision among older vehicle drivers. One method of countering this problem would be to introduce a compulsory eyesight test for drivers over the age of 45 who are due to renew their driving licence. However, concern has been expressed that Directive 91/439/EEC¹ might restrict Sweden's ability to introduce such tests.

Does the Commission share the view that Sweden is able to introduce such tests with a view to protecting public health and reducing the number of injuries and fatalities on the roads?

¹ OJ L 237, 24.8.1991, p. 1