

Motocycle industry and environment: components and characteristic of two- or three- wheel motor vehicles

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The Commission amended its proposal, incorporating 9 of the 19 amendments adopted by the European Parliament at second reading. The amendments accepted by the Commission seek mainly to: - allow any replacement tyre which complies with the requirements of the directive to be fitted to powerful motorcycles and to delete the requirement allowing motorcycle manufactures to recommend the brands of tyres to be fitted to high capacity motorcycles; - change the method of measuring noise; - stipulate the methods for rounding the sound level values indicated on the noise meter during noise tests. However, the Commission was unable to agree to the amendments seeking: - to install a system for monitoring spare parts which do not comply with the requirements of the directive and to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of spare parts which can be used to modify a vehicle so that it no longer complies with the directive; - not to impede the international movement of mopeds or motorcycles with a trailer attached which are registered in another Member State; - to postpone the transmission of a Commission proposal and the dates of application of the second stage with regard to emissions and noise levels; - to weaken measures against handling; - to restrict the requirement to identify the type of engine on a vehicle to mopeds and light motorcycles; - to reduce considerably the noise limit values of mopeds and motorcycles.