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Re: Extension of Code 95 transitional period

Directive 2003/59/EC on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers gives Member States the option of extending the transitional period within which professional drivers must comply with the relevant obligations. This transitional period may be extended to seven years after the moment the Directive entered into force.

The Dutch government has decided to make use of this option.

Dutch law stipulates that professional drivers who before 10 September 2008 obtained a valid driving licence in one of the categories D1, E with D1, D, or E with D, or an officially recognized equivalent driving licence, must comply with their periodic training obligations **before 10 September 2015**.


Lorry drivers who before 10 September 2009 obtained a valid driving licence in one of the categories C1, E with C1, C, or E with C, or an officially recognized equivalent driving licence, must comply with their periodic training obligations **before 10 September 2016**.

After the aforementioned dates, drivers in both categories must have Code 95 included on their driving licence.

Until 10 September 2015 (for category D) and 10 September 2016 (for category C), these drivers are **not obligated** to have Code 95 included on their driving licence. Consequently, enforcement agencies cannot hold such drivers legally accountable if Code 95 is missing.

Yours faithfully,

DIRECTOR FOR ROADS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY  
On behalf of  
THE MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT



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