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Subject: Consultation Saving lives with Daytime Running Lights (DRL)

Transport en Logistiek Nederland (TLN), the Dutch Transport Operators Association likes to take the opportunity to react to the consultation paper "Saving lives with Daytime Running Lights (DRL)".

Regarding the paper TLN's view is as follows.

Different studies in the last ten years show that the introduction of DRL's has a high potential to increase road safety. According to a recent study by SWOV (Dutch Foundation for Scientific Studies on Road Safety), the introduction of DRL's would save 45 lives per year in the Netherlands.

Increasing road safety is a very important issue for TLN. Based on the results of all the studies, it is to be expected that the introduction of DRL's will have a very positive effect on improving road safety in general. The analyses also show that the introduction of DRL's also has a positive cost-benefit effect. Therefore TLN supports the introduction of DRL's.

With regard to the five options for the introduction of DRL's, TLN prefers option 3. This option has the highest safety benefits and, very important, the lowest energy/pollution disadvantage. The benefits/cost ratio is only slightly less than in option 1.

TLN is of the opinion that it is not necessary to introduce specific rules for motorcycles.

TLN has no further comments nor questions on the consultation paper.

TLN trusts that this view may contribute to a balanced initiative by the Commission.

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