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Subject: Fitting Blind-spot mirrors on existing trucks, Consultation Paper 12  
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Dear Mr. Schmitz,

Thank you for sending us the consultation paper regarding Fitting Blind-spot mirrors on existing trucks.

Regarding the paper we can react as follows.

First of all we would like to mention that we support the introduction of a new directive for retrofitting of mirrors increasing the field of indirect vision of heavy good vehicles.

The new directive will make road traffic safer. Therefore it is important that the directive will come into force as soon as possible.

As mentioned in the paper, the Netherlands already has regulation in place for an extra blind spot mirror or camera on heavy good vehicles. The measure has come into force on January 1 in 2003 and applies to all vehicles over 3,5 tonnes. The measure is successful, as it resulted in a decrease of the number of fatal blind spot accidents.

As regards the content of the proposed directive, we are pleased to note that the Netherlands is considered a 'grandfather case' and is exempted for the application of the directive. Considering the positive effects of the obligation to fit blind spot systems, and resulting large investment by the Dutch road haulage sector, this exemption is fully justified. We would like to explicitly underline the importance of this exemption in the final directive.

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We have no further other specific comments on the consultation paper.

Kind regards,

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