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amending Council Directive 1999/37/EC on the registration documents for
vehicles (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)
= Statement

Statement by Latvia

Latvia fully supports the Roadworthiness package that includes proposals to upgrade regulatory requirements for periodic technical inspections and roadside inspections as well as vehicle registrations.

Throughout negotiations Latvia has maintained its concerns regarding the deletion of vehicle category N1 from the scope of the proposal on the technical roadside inspection of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles circulating in the Union and repealing Directive 2000/30/EC as participation of unsafe and dangerous motor vehicles in road traffic may pose a significant threat to road safety which is in contradiction with not only the national, but also EU level goals in the context of road safety.

Latvia expresses its disappointment with the final arrangements for frequency of testing N1 category vehicles set in the proposal on periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers and repealing Directive 2009/40/EC.

In this regard Latvia is of the same opinion as the European Commission that stated in its impact assessment accompanying the proposals of the Roadworthiness package that minimum frequency of testing for different categories of vehicles which includes also category N1 as defined in Annex I of Directive 2009/40/EC is too low to ensure optimal levels of roadworthiness of vehicles in use.

While maintaining the opinion on elements outlined above, Latvia can support the adoption of all three legislative acts forming the Roadworthiness package.