

Mirror Legislation



In order to reduce the incidence of serious and fatal accidents caused when trucks make near-side turns, change lanes to overtake or revert to nearside lanes after overtaking, the EU is introducing new legislation governing improvements in the radius of wide angle mirrors and the fitting of kerb mirrors on all commercial vehicles over 3.5 tonnes.

"A retrofitting of existing heavy goods vehicles with blind spot mirrors could save more than 1,200 lives on European roads between now and 2020..."

EU Council of Ministers

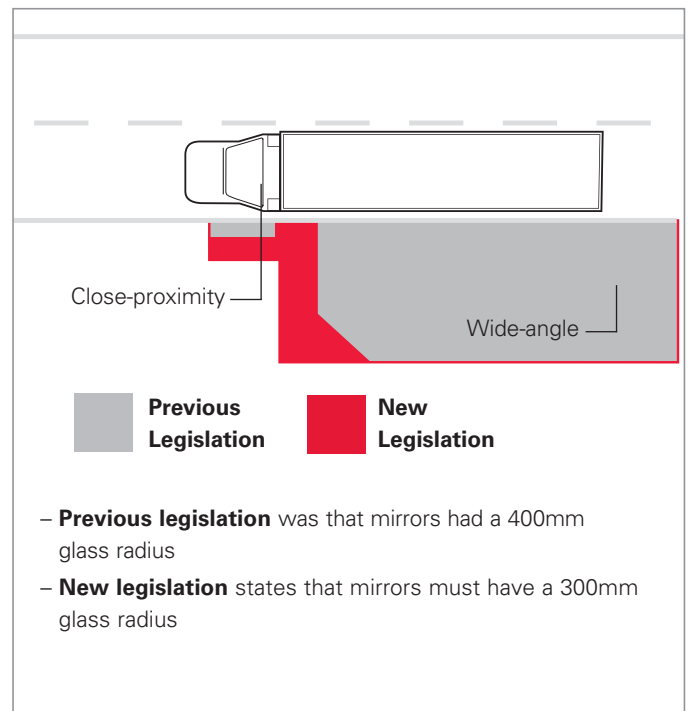
Be ready for the new legislation, effective 1st April 2009.

With a view to improving road safety, the European Community has passed legislation making it compulsory for all commercial vehicles (heavy good vehicles) over 3.5 tonnes, registered after 1st January 2000 to be equipped with new wide-angle and close-proximity mirrors on the passenger side. Vehicles must be in compliance with the directive by 1st April 2009.

Your journey will be safer as you will eliminate your 'blind spot' and gain a greater field of vision around the lower section of the cab, which is especially important for pavement-side turning.

In order to comply with the new legislation, vehicles over 3.5 tonnes registered after January 1st 2000 must be equipped with rear view mirrors with a 300mm radius of curvature.

We will be running a campaign on the relevant vehicles and they will be checked for compliance on their next workshop visit. We're ready to check your mirrors and if required adjustments will be carried out to minimise your vehicle downtime at a competitive price.



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