

Fact Sheet

New Laws – Vehicles over 3.5 tonnes

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An important change in the law comes into force in 2009 which will require all commercial vehicles over 3.5 tonnes GVW registered between 1st January 2000 and 26th January 2007 to be equipped with a close proximity and a wide angle nearside mirror.



The law, which comes into effect on 31st March 2009, is in accordance with EU Directive 2007/38/EC and covers the retrofitting of blind spot mirrors. This directive requires the retrofit of rear view mirrors to give an improved rearward vision

Therefore from 1 April 2009, all applicable vehicles must conform to the new European Directive on blind spot mirrors.



CYCLIST IN THE BLIND-SPOT

The background to this is that more than 400 injuries occur across Europe every year due to blind spot related incidents.

Further Information

Department for Transport

http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/close_d/retrofittingmirrors/retrofittingmirrors

European Commission

http://eurlex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/l_184/l_18420070714en00250028.pdf