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**Re: Extension code 95 transitional period**

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The European Directive 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003 introduced the certificate of professional competence and the obligation to undergo periodic training in the Member States.

In its Article 8, this Directive offers Member States the possibility to extend the transitional period given to professional drivers for meeting the obligations imposed in the area of periodic training following its entry into force, to **7 years**.

Belgium has made use of this possibility.

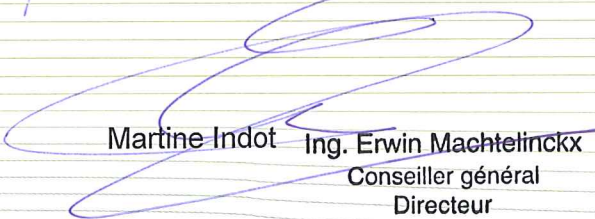
Belgian regulations allow professional drivers with a driving licence valid for categories D1, D1+E, D or D+E issued prior to 10 September 2008 to meet their obligations in periodic training by **10 September 2015**. Professional drivers with a driving licence valid for at least categories C1, C1+E, C or C+E issued prior to 10 September 2009 must meet their obligations in periodic training by **10 September 2016**.

After the dates given, the transitional period will be terminated, and the code 95 should appear on the driving licence of these drivers.

Prior to 10 September 2015 (for group D) and 10 September 2016 (for group C), the code 95 does not need to appear on the driving licences of these drivers, and inspection authorities cannot prosecute should the code be missing when checked.

Yours sincerely,

for The Director-General, a.i., *absent*

  
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