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## Royal Decree on safety conditions for the transportation of schoolchildren and children.

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**2. Member State**

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**3. Department Responsible**

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MINISTERIO DE FOMENTO.

**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**

Royal Decree on safety conditions for the transportation of schoolchildren and children.

**6. Products Concerned**

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**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

The fifth additional provision refers to the conditions which shall apply to vehicles from countries of the European Union or the European Economic Area, with reference to that stipulated in Royal Decree No 2140/1985 of 9 October which lays down rules on the type-approval of types of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers as well as parts of these vehicles, as amended by Royal Decree 1204/1999 of 9 July.

The draft aims to increase the safety and accessibility of transport for schoolchildren and children. To this end, it lays down a maximum age for these vehicles and establishes the technical characteristics that they must meet,



the majority of which have already been set out in current legislation. It therefore regulates the mark which the vehicles must bear, the roadworthiness test, the requirements which drivers and escorts must meet, as well as the situations in which the latter are necessary and determines rules for the length of journeys, the route and bus-stops and specifies the obligations of those involved in organising this transport.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

On the one hand, it is a question of updating the regulations on the safety of transport for children which are out of date, and improving the accessibility of these vehicles for people with disabilities or reduced mobility and on the other hand, it is a question of setting out in one single measure all the rules already in force concerning the transportation of schoolchildren and children.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Basic texts:

- Royal Decree No 2028/1986 of 6 June laying down rules for the implementation of certain EEC Directives on the type-approval of types of automobile vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, and parts of said vehicles; and its annexes, updated by the Order of 14 July 2000, are appended hereto.

- Royal Decree No 1204/1999 amending Royal Decree No 2140/1985 of 9 October

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

Yes

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

Society is increasingly demanding, which requires the urgent amendment of legislation governing the safety of transport for schoolchildren and children. It is necessary to take into account that in recent months there have been some serious accidents involving the transportation of schoolchildren and, while it is possible that the new rules would not have prevented all of the accidents, there is no doubt that in some cases they would have prevented them, and would have lessened the effects of all of them.

#### **13. Confidentiality**

No

#### **14. Fiscal measures**

No

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