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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

The adaptation in line with inflation of minimum amounts of cover laid down in Directive 2009/103/EC relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles, and the enforcement of the obligation to insure against such liability

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This Communication concerns the adaptation in line with inflation, for certain Member States, of minimum amounts laid down in Directive 2009/103/EC relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles, and the enforcement of the obligation to insure against such liability¹. The Member States concerned are the thirteen Member States benefiting from a transitional period for the application of Directive 2009/103/EC.

In accordance with Article 9(2) of Directive 2009/103/EC relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles, and the enforcement of the obligation to insure against such liability, the amounts laid down in euro in Article 9(1) have been reviewed in order to take account of changes in the European index of consumer prices comprising all Member States, as published by Eurostat.

The Member States benefitting from a transitional period fall into three groups, with three different transitional periods, and therefore the calculation has been carried out separately for each group.

For the first group of Member States (Slovakia and Slovenia) the review period was from December 2011 to December 2016.

For the second group of Member States (Czech Republic, Greece and Latvia) the review period was from May 2012 to May 2017.

For the third group of Member States (Bulgaria, Estonia, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal and Romania) the review period was from June 2012 to June 2017.

As a result of the review, the amounts laid down in euro are as follows.

For the Member States for which the transition period ended in December 2011 (Slovakia and Slovenia):

- in case of personal injury, the minimum amount of cover is increased to €1 050 000 per victim or €5 240 000 per claim, whatever the number of victims;
- in case of material damage, the minimum amount is increased to €1 050 000 per claim, whatever the number of victims.

For the Member States for which the transition period ended in May 2012 (Czech Republic, Greece and Latvia), and those for which the transition period ended in June 2012 (Bulgaria, Estonia, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal and Romania):

- in case of personal injury, the minimum amount of cover is increased to €1 050 000 per victim or €5 210 000 per claim, whatever the number of victims;
- in case of material damage, the minimum amount is increased to €1 050 000 per claim, whatever the number of victims.

For other Member States, for which Directive 2009/103/EC entered into application with no transitional period, the minimum amounts were already revised in 2016².

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¹ OJ L 263, 7.10.2009, p.11

² Commission Communication COM(2016) 246 of 10 May 2016.