

Publication of the directive facilitating the cross-border exchange of information on road safety related traffic offences

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This Directive shall apply to the following road safety related traffic offences: (a) speeding; (b) non-use of a seat-belt; (c) failing to stop at a red traffic light; (d) drink-driving; (e) driving under the influence of drugs; (f) failing to wear a safety helmet; (g) use of a forbidden lane; (h) illegally using a mobile telephone or any other communication devices while driving.

The directive establishes a procedure for the exchange of information between Member States. For the investigation of the road safety related traffic offences referred, the Member States shall allow other Member States' national contact points access to the following national VRD, with the power to conduct automated searches on (a) data relating to vehicles; and (b) data relating to owners or holders of the vehicle. Any searches in the form of outgoing requests shall be conducted by the national contact point of the Member State of the offence using a full registration number.

The directive must be transposed by Member States by 7 November 2013.

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