

Explanatory Memorandum

(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

These regulations prescribe the suitability requirements for a vehicle which is intended for use as a small public service vehicle (SPSV). A draft of these Regulations was notified under Directive 98/34/EC.

They further require that in order to make an application for a SPSV licence, the applicant must first demonstrate that the vehicle the subject of the application complies with the suitability requirements in respect of that particular class of SPSV, as defined in this legislation. In addition, they introduce a requirement for relevant vehicles to complete an Annual Renewal Assessment in order to renew a SPSV licence. They also provide for the category of wheelchair accessible hackney licence.