



VEHICULAR HOMICIDE AND ROADS MAINTENANCE

Few weeks ago, it has been approved the law number 41 (23rd March 2016), published on March 24rd in the Official Journal number 70, introducing the offence of vehicular homicide.

After the publication in the OJ, the Ministry of Interior has sent a circular letter to Prefectures, Police Headquarters and Finance, regarding the responsibility of road **managers** and cars **producers**.

The reference of the ministerial circular is in article 14 of the Road Code, the one that states "*powers and tasks of roads owners*". The article says: "*Roads owners, in order to guarantee a safe and **smooth** traffic flow, must ensure: a) roads maintenance, management and cleaning, including appurtenances, furniture, **equipments**, facilities and services. b) technical check of roads efficiency, including appurtenances. c) provision and maintenance of prescribed road signs*".

The news introduced with the new law on vehicular homicide combined with the Road Code prescriptions have a precise meaning: to avoid serious judicial troubles, including **arrest**, all bodies responsible for roads care (in addition to cars producers) will have to intensify their interventions to avoid to be accused of manslaughter in case of serious accidents due to evident faults of roads or worsened by road deficiencies.

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