

Transport of dangerous goods by road: type-approval of motor vehicles and trailers (amend. Directive 70/156/EEC)

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As the Council has now adopted more than thirty-six separate type-approval directives for category N vehicles, the time has come to add type-approval provisions for vehicles designed to transport dangerous goods, too. The Committee agrees with the objectives of the proposed directive, but would point to the absolute need to standardize the scope of ECE and EC provisions. The Committee would ask the European Commission, and particularly DG VII, to take appropriate steps to prevent the benefits of this directive, and of Directive 94/55/EEC as amended by Directive 96/86/EC, from being undermined by divergent construction specifications issued by the competent authorities or other organizations. It must be ensured that the scope of ECE and EC provisions can be regarded as equivalent.