Motor vehicles: burning behaviour of materials used in the interior construction, UN//ECE Regulation

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PURPOSE : to enable the Commission representative to vote on behalf of the Community on uniform prescriptions on tyre rolling noise at a meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations. PROPOSED ACT : Council Decision. CONTENT : by Council Decision 97/836/EC the European Community became a Contracting Party to the 1958 Revised Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN /ECE). Article 4 of that Decision stipulates that where a draft Regulation of the UN/ECE is submitted to a vote within the appropriate UN/ECE bodies, the draft in question must be approved by the Council, after obtaining assent from the European Parliament, before the Community can declare itself in favour of adopting the draft. The agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations of the UN/ECE includes a vote on a draft Regulation on uniform prescriptions concerning the type approval of tyres with respect to tyre rolling noise. The main purpose of the Regulation is to establish harmonised technical prescriptions, thereby avoiding the creation of technical barriers to trade in motor vehicles between the Contracting Parties, while ensuring a high level of safety and environmental protection. The purpose of this proposal is to enable the Commission representative to vote on the draft Regulation on behalf of the Community at a forthcoming meeting of the UN/ECE World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations. The Regulation will not be incorporated into the Community system for the type-approval of motor vehicles.