Type-approval of motor vehicles: reusability, recyclability and recoverability

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PURPOSE : to provide provisions ensuring that new passenger cars and light-duty trucks up to 3 5000 kg are designed to comply with required minimum rates in respect to their re-usability, recyclability and recoverability. PROPOSED ACT : Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council. CONTENT : the proposed Directive lays down the necessary provisions to ensure that new passenger cars and light-duty trucks up to 3 500kg are designed to comply with required minimum rates with respect to their re-usability, recyclability and recoverability. These provisions will be included in the Community type-approval system. In respect of passenger cars, they will be part of the whole vehicle type-approval procedure, which is compulsory for all new passenger cars. Directive 70/156/EEC is being recast in order to extend Community type-approval system to vehicles other than passenger cars. In the meantime, Member States are requested to apply the provisions of this Directive to light-duty trucks through their national type-approval procedures. This proposal seeks to create binding links with Directive 70/156/EEC and Annex I of this Directive concerning all relevant technical information needed for type-approval applications. The proposal also makes provisions for the marking of component parts - vital at the dismantling stage. Components made of polymers or elastomers need to be identified in order not to mix incompatible products. Thus, component parts relating to the proposed Directive are listed in the "dismantling list" a manufacturer has to present to the approval authority. Lastly, the proposal includes a list of component parts that are not to be re-used in the construction of vehicles for safety or environmental reasons.