Car industry: equipments for motor vehicles fuelled by liquefied petroleum gas. Revised agreement, UN/ECE Regulation 67

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PURPOSE: to enable accession of the European Community to United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regulation 67 on the approval of special equipment for motor vehicles fuelled by liquefied petroleum gas. CONTENT: Following Council decision 97/836/EC of 27/11/97, the EC has become a contracting party to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) 1958 revised agreement on 24/03/98 and adopted 78 regulations annexed to the agreement. That decision states, in particular, that the Community may decide to apply a regulation which it had adopted on accession to the revised agreement if, following Parliamentary assent, the Council approves that regualtion by a qualified majority. At the 116th meeting of the UNECE's "Working Party on Vehicle Design", an amendment to regulation 67 was adopted in respect of the approval of special equipment for motor vehicles fueled by liquefied petroleum gas. That amended regulation, which is not mentioned in the list of regulations recognised by the EC set out in decision 97/836/EC, is intended, in particular, to remove the technical barriers to trade in motor vehicles that exist between the contracting parties, while at the same time ensuring a high level of safety and environmental protection. The EC can only acced to the amended version of regulation 67 if that amendment actually takes effect on the date(s) specified therein. It is also laid down that that regulation will be incorporated into the approval system for motor vehicles and will thus supplement the legislation in force within the Community. This proposal for a decision is intended to enable the Community to accede to UNECE regulation 67 on the approval of special equipment for motor vehicles that are fuelled by liquefied petroleum gas.