Car industry: approval of braking system on passenger cars, UN/ECE Regulation 13-H

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PURPOSE: to present a proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of the European Community to United Nations Economic Commission for European Regulation No 13-H on the approval of certain equipement (braking system, in particular) for certain motor cars. CONTENT: following Council Decision 97/836/EC of 27 November 1997, the EC became a contracting party to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's (UN/ECE's) Revised 1958 Agreement on 24 March 1998 and acceded to 78 regulations appended to that Agreement. This Decision states that, in particular, the Community may decide to implement a Regulation to which it had not acceded when it acceded to the revised Agreement if the Council approves that Regulation by a qualified majority after receiving the assent of the EP. Regulation No 13-H adopted by the UN/ECE on the approval of particular vehicles concerning their braking system is aimed, in particular, at removing technical barriers to the trade in motor vehicles between the contracting parties while ensuring a high level of safety and environmental protection. It is also provided that the Regulation concerned shall be incorporated into the Community approval system for motor vehicles and will thus supplement the laws in force within the Community. Against this background, the proposal for a Decision is intended to enable the Community to accede to UN/ECE Regulation No 13-H of the UN/ECE.