

Motocycle industry and environment: components and characteristic of two- or three- wheel motor vehicles

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OBJECTIVE: to establish a genuine single market for motorcycles. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** European Parliament and Council Directive 97/24/EC relating to certain components and characteristics of two- and three-wheeled motor vehicles. **CONTENT:** the Directive relates to the procedure for the approval of two- and three-wheeled motor vehicles (motorcycles) which was the subject of Framework Directive 92/61/EEC of 30 June 1992. It concerns the regulations which apply to the following components and characteristics: - tyres, - lighting and signalling equipment, - external protrusions, - rearview mirrors, - measures to combat atmospheric pollution, - fuel tanks, - measures to prevent tampering, - electromagnetic compatibility, - the permitted noise level and the exhaust system, - components for attaching trailers and sidecars; - safety-belt anchoring points and safety belts, - windows, windshield wipers and washers and devices for de-icing and de-misting. From the date of entry into force of all the standards laid down in the Directive (the dates differ according to the various provisions), there will be a Community type-approval scheme for motorcycles. Certain regulations, including the most controversial, require special examination: - tyres for powerful motorcycles: the Directive permits any replacement tyre to be fitted which complies with the requirements of the Directive; - measures to prevent tampering which is designed to increase the power output of motorcycles: these measures shall only apply to mopeds and lightweight motorcycles. Within a period of three years from the implementation of the Directive, the Commission will carry out a study to establish whether the measures to prevent tampering are appropriate, insufficient or excessive, and may propose new legislative measures. **DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 18/08/1997 **DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION:** 18/12/1998