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

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PURPOSE : to make administrative and technical provisions for the type-approval of certain vehicles, with a view to ensuring that their component parts and materials can be reused, recycled and recovered in the minimum percentages laid down.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Directive 2005/64/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2005 on the type-approval of motor vehicles with regard to their reusability, recyclability and recoverability and amending Council Directive 70/156/EEC

CONTENT : This Directive lays down administrative and technical provisions for the type-approval of certain categories of vehicles with a view to ensuring that their parts and materials can be re-used, recycled and recovered in the minimum percentages set out by the Directive.It lays down specific provisions to ensure that the re-use of component parts does not give rise to safety or environmental hazards.

The Directive applies to vehicles belonging to categories M1 and N1, as defined in Part A of Annex II to Directive 70/156/EEC, and to new or reused component parts of such vehicles. Provisions are laid down to ensure that type-approved vehicles belonging to category M1, and those belonging to category N1, may be put on the market only if they are reusable and/or recyclable to a minimum of 85 % by mass and are reusable and/or recoverable to a minimum of 95 % by mass, as determined by the procedures laid down in the Annexes.

From 15 December 2008, Member States shall refuse to grant EC type-approval or national type-approval to vehicles which does not comply with the requirements of this Directive.

From 15 July 2010, Member States shall, if the requirements of this Directive are not met:

-consider certificates of conformity which accompany new vehicles as no longer valid for the purposes of Article 7(1) of Directive 70/156/EEC;

-refuse the registration, sale or entry into service of new vehicles, save where Article 8(2)(b) of Directive 70/156/EEC applies.

The provisions set out in the Directive will impose on manufacturers the supply of new data relating to type-approval. Directive 70/156/EEC, which establishes the list of data to be submitted for type-approval, will be amended accordingly.

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DATE OF TRANSPOSITION : 15 December 2006.

DATE OF APPLICATION : 15 June 2006. Article 7 (on the re-use of component parts) shall apply with effect from 15 December 2006.