Basic information

1996/0006(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
EC accession to the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted to and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions ('Revised 1958 Agreement') Amended by 2012/0099(NLE) See also 2015/0249(NLE) **Subject** 2.10.03 Standardisation, EC/EU standards and trade mark, certification, compliance 3.40.03 Motor industry, cycle and motorcycle, commercial and agricultural vehicles 6.20.05 Multilateral and plurilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.13 Relations with/in the context of international organisations: UN, OSCE, OECD, Council of Europe, EBRD	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	KITTELMANN Peter (PPE)	21/02/1996

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	KITTELMANN Peter (PPE)	21/02/1996

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	DONNELLY Alan John (PSE)	19/03/1996
TRAN Transport and Tourism	CORNELISSEN Petrus A. M. (PPE)	25/04/1996
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		

Council of the

Council configuration	Meetings	Date

European Union	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2051	1997-11-27

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/01/1996	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0723	Summary
31/10/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
31/10/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0356/1996	
16/07/1997	Legislative proposal published	09868/1997	
07/08/1997	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
01/09/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/10/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
21/10/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0342/1997	
21/11/1997	Debate in Parliament		
27/11/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
27/11/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/12/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0006(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
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Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 100A EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 113 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3/4
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/09259 RELA/4/09255

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0356/1996 OJ C 362 02.12.1996, p. 0005	31/10/1996	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0342/1997 OJ C 371 08.12.1997, p. 0002	21/10/1997	

Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0588/1997 OJ C 371 08.12.1997, p. 0240-0260	21/11/1997	Summary

Council of the EU

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European Commission

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Additional information

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Final act

Decision 1997/0836
OJ L 346 17.12.1997, p. 0078 Summary

EC accession to the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted to and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions ('Revised 1958 Agreement')

1996/0006(AVC) - 21/11/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the recommendation by Mr Peter KITTELMANN (PPE, D), the European Parliament approved accession by the European Community to the revised agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions of approval for motor-vehicle equipment and parts.

EC accession to the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted to and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions ('Revised 1958 Agreement')

1996/0006(AVC) - 12/01/1996 - Initial legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a Council Decision concerns accession by the European Community to the 1958 Revised Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions of approval and reciprocal recognition of approval for motor vehicle equipment and parts.

SUBSTANCE: the 1958 Revised Agreement, which was concluded under the aegis of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE), seeks to facilitate the trade in vehicles between the contracting parties so as to ensure that such trade cannot be hampered by technical problems associated with vehicle design. Accession by the Community to the Agreement, as is now proving possible, satisfies two complementary concerns: first, the wish to bolster the Agreement to make it into a world focus for the technical harmonization of motor vehicles, and secondly, the coherence needed between the law-making activities in Geneva and those existing at Community level. The mandatory application of Community type approval from 01/01/1996 for private vehicles and the quest for the best possible system by that date makes it desirable for the Community to accede to the Revised Agreement as soon as it enters into force.

EC accession to the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted to and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions ('Revised 1958 Agreement')

1996/0006(AVC) - 27/11/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: accession by the Community to the Revised 1958 Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning technical prescriptions for motor vehicle equipment and components.

COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 97/836/EC.

SUBSTANCE: the Council decided that the European Community would accede to the Revised 1958 Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE). The Agreement concerns the adoption of uniform conditions for the approval and mutual recognition of the approval of motor vehicle equipment and components. The Community's accession to the Agreement is deemed essential in order to enhance the Agreement's status and make it the worldwide focus for technical harmonization in the field of motor vehicles, as well as to ensure consistency between the law-making work of the UN ECE and that at Community level. The participation of the Community will enhance the importance of the harmonization work carried out under the Agreement, and could therefore facilitate access to third-country markets.