Basic information

2005/0002(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
Car industry: uniform provisions concerning the approval of mechanical coupling components of combinations of vehicles, UN/ECE Regulation 55 **Subject** 3.20.06 Transport regulations, road safety, roadworthiness tests, driving licence 3.40.03 Motor industry, cycle and motorcycle, commercial and agricultural vehicles	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	BARÓN CRESPO Enrique (PSE)	15/03/2005

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2681	2005-10-11
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2715	2006-03-13

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
28/01/2005	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2005)0019	Summary
23/09/2005	Legislative proposal published	11233/2005	Summary
11/10/2005	Debate in Council		
13/10/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

25/01/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
27/01/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0011/2006	
14/02/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0046/2006	Summary
14/02/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/03/2006	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
13/03/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/07/2006	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
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Committee dossier	INTA/6/26234

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0011/2006	27/01/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0046/2006	14/02/2006	Summary

Council of the EU

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Final act

Decision 2006/0444
OJ L 181 04.07.2006, p. 0053-0110 Summary

Car industry: uniform provisions concerning the approval of mechanical coupling components of combinations of vehicles, UN/ECE Regulation 55

2005/0002(AVC) - 28/01/2005 - Initial legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to enable the Community to accede to UN/ECE Regulation No. 55 on provisions concerning the approval of mechanical coupling components of combinations of vehicles.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Decision.

CONTENT : by 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. That Decision took effect on 24 March 1998. Article 3(3) of that Decision states, in particular, that 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 European Parliament.

UN/ECE Regulation No. 55 on provisions concerning the approval of mechanical coupling components of combinations of vehicles 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 in the operation of vehicles. Although this Regulation was not included in the list of regulations recognised by the EC contained in Annex II to Decision 97/836 /EC, the Commission considers that, as both European and UN requirements have changed since that time, it would now be desirable for the EC to accede thereto.

It is also provided that the Regulation concerned shall be incorporated into the approval system for motor vehicles.

It should be stressed that the EC will take its decision regarding accession to this Regulation on the basis of the documents that are available in the official languages of the UN/ECE (English, French and Russian). As the EC has become party to the 1958 UN/ECE agreement, it is required to observe the procedures provided for in that agreement. Therefore, only the French and English versions of Regulation No. 55 have been appended. Translations of this Regulation will be published at a later date.

Car industry: uniform provisions concerning the approval of mechanical coupling components of combinations of vehicles, UN/ECE Regulation 55

2005/0002(AVC) - 13/03/2006 - Final act

PURPOSE : to enable the Community to accede to UN/ECE Regulation No. 55 on provisions concerning the approval of mechanical coupling components of combinations of vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2006/444/EC on the accession of the Community to United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No 55 on provisions concerning the approval of mechanical coupling components of combinations of vehicles.

CONTENT : the standardised requirements of Regulation No 55 on provisions concerning the approval of mechanical coupling components of combinations of vehicles are intended to remove technical barriers to the trade in motor vehicles between the Contracting Parties and to ensure a high level of safety and protection in the operation of vehicles.

By Council Decision 97/836/EC of 27 November 1997, the EC had become a contracting party to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's (UN/ECE's) Revised 1958 Agreement and acceded to 78 regulations appended to that Agreement. Regulation No 55 was not included in Annex II of Decision 97/836/EC as it did not comport with Community technical requirements and specifications at the time of Community accession to the Revised 1958 Agreement.

However, in light of subsequent amendments, Regulation No 55 should be incorporated into the Community system for the type approval of motor vehicles, and this Decision provides that the Community shall apply Regulation No 55 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on provisions concerning the approval of mechanical coupling components of combinations of vehicles. Regulation No 55 is thereby incorporated into the Community type approval system for motor vehicles.

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2005/0002(AVC) - 23/09/2005 - Legislative proposal

The Council adopted common guidelines with a view to adoption of decisions on:

- the accession of the EU to the UNECE agreement on provisions concerning the approval of mechanical coupling components of combinations of vehicles. These are intended to remove technical barriers to the trade in motor vehicles and to ensure a high level of safety and protection in the operation of vehicles (see previous summary).

- the authorisation for the placing on the market of retreaded tyres if these have been manufactured in line with the standards laid down by the UNECE (see AVC/2004/0271).

These two texts will be transmitted to the European Parliament for consultation.

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2005/0002(AVC) - 14/02/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Enrique **BARÓN CRESPO** (PES, ES), and gave its assent to the proposal.