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Removal of Technical Barriers

Motor vehicles and agricultural tractors

Acting within the general programme for the removal of technical barriers to trade, the Commission has just placed before the Council three proposals for directives which mark new steps forward in the direction of a complete type-approval procedure in the EEC for motor vehicles¹, and also a proposal in the agricultural tractor sector relating to field of vision.

An additional aim of these four proposals is to ensure the free movement of goods and to improve road safety.

The first proposal covers external projections on motor vehicles and its aim is to reduce the risk of injury to anyone hit or grazed by the body of a vehicle in a collision.

The remaining two proposals in the motor vehicle sector are for the harmonization of regulations covering the design of motor vehicle foglamps and reflectors. Both proposals incorporate technical specifications covering design and the tests which the foglamps and the reflectors have to undergo in order to qualify for the Community authentication mark which enables them to be offered on the market as components and fitted to motor vehicles in accordance with the specifications governing their installation, which were forwarded to the Council on 10 December 1973².

The proposal concerning the field of vision of agricultural tractors contained detailed specifications for ensuring that the field of vision shall be adequate. Where a tractor is concerned, account has to be taken of areas known as "blind spots", in which people and objects are completely out of the driver's sight. A procedure for delimiting these blind spots and a mathematical model covering them have been specified for checking the field of vision in order to ensure that it is an optimum. In addition, specific requirements guaranteeing the field of vision have been laid down for tractors fitted with a windscreen and windscreen wipers.

¹ The Community type-approval procedure will mean that any motor vehicle complying with Community requirements checked by the authorities of any Member State may be sold and used anywhere within the Community; the manufacturers need only guarantee that each vehicle they make is in conformity with EEC type-approved prototype.

The Annex hereto will give an idea of the progress already achieved in removing technical barriers in the motor vehicle field.

² See Note P 72/1973

DIRECTIVES ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Publication in O.J.</u>
1. Type approval of motor vehicles and trailers	23.02.70
2. Permissible sound level and the exhaust system of motor vehicles	23.02.70
3. Space for mounting and fixing of rear registration plates on motor vehicles and trailers	06.04.70
4. Liquid fuel tanks and rear protective devices for motor vehicles and trailers	06.04.70
5. Measures to be taken against air pollution by gases from positive ignition engines of motor vehicles	06.04.70
6. Steering equipment for motor vehicles	18.06.70
7. Audible warning devices for motor vehicles	10.08.70
8. Doors of motor vehicles	10.08.70
9. Rear-view mirrors for motor vehicles	23.03.71
10. Braking devices of certain categories of motor vehicles	06.09.71
11. Suppression of radio interference in motor vehicles	06.07.72
12. Measures to be taken against the emission of pollutants from diesel engines	20.08.72
13. Protection against unauthorized use	
14. Interior fittings (interior parts of the passenger compartment other than the interior rear-view mirror(s), roof or sliding roof, arrangement of controls, seat-back and rear part of seats)	

PROPOSALS FOR DIRECTIVES PUT BEFORE THE COUNCILBUT NOT YET APPROVED

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date sent to Council</u>
1. Indicator lights for motor vehicles	July 1965
2. Field of vision, windscreen wipers and windscreen washers for motor vehicles	August 1968
3. Connections for trailers of motor vehicles	August 1968
4. Safety windows for motor vehicles	September 1972
5. Interior fittings of motor vehicles (protection of driver against the steering equipment in the event of impact)	September 1972
6. Interior fittings of motor vehicles (strength of seats and their mountings)	May 1972
7. Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices on motor vehicles and trailers	December 1973
8. Design of foglamps for motor vehicles	December 1973
9. External projections on motor vehicles	December 1973
10. Design of reflectors for motor vehicles and trailers	January 1974