

Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	2000/0029(AVC)	Procedure completed
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Subject 3.40.03 Motor industry, cycle and motorcycle, commercial and agricultural vehicles		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		05/12/2000
		PPE-DE HARBOUR Malcolm	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2426	21/05/2002
European Commission	Commission DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	Commissioner	

Key events			
27/01/2000	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0025	Summary
31/08/2000	Legislative proposal published	10148/2000	Summary
11/12/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/08/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
28/08/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0289/2001	
02/10/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0481/2001	Summary
21/05/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/05/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2000/0029(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 000
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/5/14072

Documentation gateway					
Initial legislative proposal		COM(2000)0025 OJ C 337 28.11.2000, p. 0004 E	27/01/2000	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		10148/2000	31/08/2000	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0289/2001	28/08/2001	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0481/2001 OJ C 087 11.04.2002, p. 0017-0035 E	02/10/2001	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

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PURPOSE: to present a proposal for a Council Decision on the position of the European Community on the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of an airbag module for a replacement airbag system, a replacement steering wheel equipped with an airbag module of an approved type and a replacement airbag system other than that installed in a steering wheel. **CONTENT:** following Council Decision 97/836/EC of 27 November 1997, the European Community became a Contracting party to the 1958 Revised Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) on 24 March 1998. Article 4 of that Decision states in particular that, where a draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe is submitted to a vote within the appropriate bodies of the UN/ECE, the draft concerned must be approved by the Council, after having received the assent of the European Parliament, before the Community can vote in favour of adopting such a draft Regulation. The provision agenda for the 120th meeting of the Working Party on Vehicle Construction of the UN/ECE (to be held from 7 to 10 March 2000) includes in particular a vote on a draft (new) Regulation concerning the approval of an airbag module for a replacement airbag system, a replacement steering wheel equipped with an airbag module of an approved type and a replacement airbag system other than that installed in a steering wheel. The aim of the Regulation is in particular to abolish the technical barriers to trade in motor vehicles between the Contracting Parties, while ensuring a high level of safety and environmental protection. It is also planned that the Regulation will be incorporated in the system for the type-approval of vehicles and will therefore supplement the Community legislation in force. Against this background, the purpose of the proposal for a Decision is to enable the Commission representative to vote on behalf of the Community on the draft Regulation in question at the 120th meeting of the Working Party on Vehicle Construction of the UN/ECE or, where appropriate, if it is submitted for voting at a subsequent meeting.?

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The Council adopted a common position on the proposal for a Council decision on the position of the European Community on the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of an airbag module for a replacement airbag system, a replacement steering wheel equipped with an airbag module of an approved type and a replacement airbag system other than that installed in a steering wheel. On this occasion, the Council requests the assent of the European Parliament.?

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The committee adopted the report by Malcolm HARBOUR (EPP-ED, UK) recommending that Parliament give its assent to the proposal for a

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The European Parliament voted to give its assent to legislation on standards for replacement equipment for air bags in vehicles. The resolution by Mr Malcolm Harbour (EPP-ED, UK) was adopted without debate. ?