

Procedure file

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Type-approval of motor vehicles: reusability, recyclability and recoverability	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		01/09/2004
		ALDE KRAHMER Holger	
	Former committee responsible		
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Former committee for opinion		
	RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2680	06/10/2005
	Environment	2610	14/10/2004
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs		

Key events			
10/03/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0162	Summary
29/03/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
16/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
14/10/2004	Debate in Council	2610	
20/01/2005	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
24/01/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A6-0004/2005	
13/04/2005	Debate in Parliament		

14/04/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/04/2005	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T6-0129/2005	Summary
06/10/2005	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
26/10/2005	Final act signed		
26/10/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/5/20793; ENVI/6/21188

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2004)0162	11/03/2004	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1200/2004 OJ C 074 23.03.2005, p. 0015-0017	15/09/2004	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0004/2005	24/01/2005	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0129/2005 OJ C 033 09.02.2006, p. 0495-0545 E	14/04/2005	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2005)2124	19/05/2005	EC	
Draft final act	03634/3/2005	26/10/2005	CSL	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Directive 2005/64](#)
[OJ L 310 25.11.2005, p. 0010-0027](#) Summary

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

PURPOSE : to provide provisions ensuring that new passenger cars and light-duty trucks up to 3 500 kg are designed to comply with required minimum rates in respect to their re-usability, recyclability and recoverability. **PROPOSED ACT** : Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council. **CONTENT** : the proposed Directive lays down the necessary provisions to ensure that new passenger cars and light-duty trucks up to 3 500kg are designed to comply with required minimum rates with respect to their re-usability, recyclability and recoverability. These provisions will be included in the Community type-approval system. In respect of passenger cars, they will be part of the whole vehicle

type-approval procedure, which is compulsory for all new passenger cars. Directive 70/156/EEC is being recast in order to extend Community type-approval system to vehicles other than passenger cars. In the meantime, Member States are requested to apply the provisions of this Directive to light-duty trucks through their national type-approval procedures. This proposal seeks to create binding links with Directive 70/156/EEC and Annex I of this Directive concerning all relevant technical information needed for type-approval applications. The proposal also makes provisions for the marking of component parts - vital at the dismantling stage. Components made of polymers or elastomers need to be identified in order not to mix incompatible products. Thus, component parts relating to the proposed Directive are listed in the "dismantling list" a manufacturer has to present to the approval authority. Lastly, the proposal includes a list of component parts that are not to be re-used in the construction of vehicles for safety or environmental reasons.?

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

The committee adopted the report by Holger KRAHMER (ALDE , DE) broadly approving the proposal under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure, subject to a few amendments designed to simplify the legislation and keep red tape and related costs to a minimum:

- as the range of types produced by automobile manufacturers is virtually immeasurable, it should be made clear that the type-approval authority should choose reference vehicles in agreement with the manufacturer. The committee also suggested that the following criteria be taken into account: type of bodywork, available trim levels and the available optional equipment which can be fitted under the manufacturer's responsibility;
- type approval should not be granted if the vehicle contains lead, mercury, cadmium or hexavalent chromium, which were banned under Directive 2000/53/EC;
- the provisions in Article 5 requiring components made of polymers or elastomers to be marked when type-approval checks are carried out would require manufacturers to build additional prototypes, as the relevant components are generally marked at the final pre-production phase (i.e. following the type-approval process). The committee proposed a more practical arrangement whereby the approval authority would have to check whether the manufacturer "has taken the requisite steps" to ensure that the relevant components are marked. In this way, the manufacturer would accept responsibility for marking;
- finally, MEPs wanted a longer transitional period (54 months as opposed to 36 months proposed by the Commission) to avoid administrative bottlenecks.

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

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Holger KRAHMER (ALDE, DE) and agreed a compromise text with the Council. The main points are as follows:

- within 54 months of the entry into force of the directive (instead of 36), Member States will refuse the registration, sale or entry into service of new vehicles which will not comply with rules for re-usability and recyclability;
- the term "competent authority" is replaced by "competent body" throughout the text. It is defined as means an entity, e.g. a technical service or another existing body, notified by a Member State to carry out preliminary assessment and to issue a certificate of compliance, in accordance with the prescriptions of this Directive. The competent body may be the type-approval authority, provided its competence in this field is properly documented;
- in the framework of the preliminary assessment, Member States must ensure that the materials used for the construction of a vehicle type comply with the provisions of Article 4(2)(a) of Directive 2000/53/EC. The Commission will establish the detailed rules necessary to verify compliance with this provision;
- for the purposes of checks of the materials and masses of component parts, the manufacturer must make available vehicles and component parts as deemed necessary by the type-approval authority;
- manufacturers must mark the component parts made of polymers and elastomers in accordance with Commission Decision 2003/138/EC;
- the criteria for the selection of the reference vehicle has been amended to include type of bodywork, available trim levels and the available optional equipment which can be fitted under the manufacturer's responsibility.

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

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.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 15 December 2005

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.