


# Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic) Decision	<a href="#">2006/0041(AVC)</a>	Procedure completed
Car industry: approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the motor vehicle driver, UN/ECE Regulation		
Subject 3.40.03 Motor industry, cycle and motorcycle, commercial and agricultural vehicles		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>INTA</b> International Trade		19/04/2006
		PSE <a href="#">BARÓN CRESPO Enrique</a>	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>TRAN</b> Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>IMCO</b> Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2786</a>	22/02/2007
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2755</a>	17/10/2006
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs</a>	VERHEUGEN Günter	

Key events			
19/03/2006	Initial legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2006)0127</a>	Summary
04/10/2006	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">11522/2006</a>	Summary
26/10/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/12/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
21/12/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0472/2006</a>	
01/02/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
01/02/2007	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0012/2007</a>	Summary
22/02/2007	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/02/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/03/2007	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/0041(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/6/35059

Documentation gateway					
Initial legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2006)0127</a>	20/03/2006	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">11522/2006</a>	05/10/2006	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE380.738</a>	24/10/2006	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0472/2006</a>	21/12/2006	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0012/2007</a>	01/02/2007	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2007)1016/2	27/02/2007	EC	

Additional information	
National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 2007/159</a> <a href="#">OJ L 069 09.03.2007, p. 0037</a> Summary

## Car industry: approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the motor vehicle driver, UN/ECE Regulation

**PURPOSE** : to enable the Commission representative to vote on the draft Regulation concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the driver on behalf of the Community at a forthcoming meeting of the UN/ECE World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations.

**PROPOSED ACT** : Council Decision.

**CONTENT** : by 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). That Decision took effect on 24 March 1998.

Article 4 of that Decision stipulates, inter alia, that where a draft Regulation of the UN/ECE is submitted to a vote within the appropriate UN/ECE bodies, the draft in question must be approved by the Council, after obtaining assent from the European Parliament, before the Community can declare itself in favour of adopting the draft.

The agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations of the UN/ECE will include, in particular, a vote on a (new) draft Regulation concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the driver.

The main purpose of the draft Regulation is to establish harmonised technical prescriptions, thereby avoiding the creation of technical barriers to trade in motor vehicles between the Contracting Parties, while ensuring a high level of safety to the driver. Specifically, the draft regulation will enable to ensure an adequate field of vision through the windscreen and other glazing. The Commission therefore considers that it would be desirable for the EC to vote in favour of this (new) draft Regulation. It is also provided that this draft Regulation shall become part of the type-approval system for motor vehicles because the scope of the Council Directive 77/649/EC, as last amended by the Commission Directive 90/630/EC is similar to the one of this draft Regulation.

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PURPOSE: to define the position of the Community in relation to the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the motor vehicle driver.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: The draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the driver provides for the abolition of the technical barriers to the trade of motor vehicles between the Contracting Parties with respect to these aspects, while ensuring a high level of safety.

This proposal provides for the approval of the draft UN/ECE Regulation, and also provides that the Community, represented by the Commission, shall vote in favour of the draft UN/ECE Regulation at a forthcoming meeting of the Administrative Committee of the UN/ECE World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations. The UN/ECE Regulation shall become part of the Community type-approval system for motor vehicles.

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The committee adopted the report by its chairman, Enrique BARÓN CRESPO (PES, ES), recommending that Parliament give its assent to the draft Council decision on the position of the Community in relation to the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the motor vehicle driver.

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drawn up by Enrique BARÓN CRESPO (PES, ES), and gave its assent to the Council decision on the position of the Community in relation to the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the motor vehicle driver.

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LEGISLATIVE ACT: [Council Decision 2007/159/EC on the position of the Community in relation to the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the motor vehicle driver.](#)

CONTENT: the Council adopted the decisions on the position to be taken by the European Community with regard to a draft regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE), concerning the approval of:

- partitioning systems to protect passengers against displaced luggage, supplied as non-original Equipment (see [AVC/2006/0035](#));
- motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the motor vehicle driver.

The main purpose of the UN/ECE regulation is to establish harmonised technical prescriptions, thereby avoiding the creation of technical barriers to trade in motor vehicles between the contracting parties, while ensuring a high level of safety and environmental protection.

The UN/ECE Regulation concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision of the motor vehicle driver shall become part of the Community type-approval system for motor vehicles.

The European Parliament gave its assent on the two decisions on 1 February 2007.