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The Motor Vehicles (Approval) (Amendment) Regulations []

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2. Member State

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Passenger vehicles (category M1) and light goods vehicles (category N1)

7. Notification Under Another Act

8.A.The draft Regulations would amend the Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 1996 which concern the approval of single vehicles. The main amendments are:

New regulations 4(5)(d) and 6(5)(d) to provide for mutual recognition of equivalent SVAs granted by other Member States for passenger vehicles (Category M1) and light goods vehicles up to 3.5T (category N1), respectively.

Regulation 14 (obligatory certificates). New exemptions are provided for:-

- (i) vehicles over 10 years old see regulation 14(2)(d). In practice, this only affects imported vehicles (that had not been type-approved) because domestic vehicles would normally have already been registered when new (and registered vehicles are already exempted by regulation 14(2)(c) in the 1996 Regulations); and
- (ii) vehicles for the personal use of a member of a visiting force see regulation 14(2)(e). This exemption has been given on the understanding that the visiting forces will carry out their own vehicle inspections.

Schedule 1: Paragraph 4 adds a new category of "vehicles constructed by manufacturers using parts from a registered vehicle" that can use SVA. These are typically kit-cars built in very small numbers which often use reconditioned parts from existing registered vehicles.

Schedule 2: Minor, derogatory, changes are made to some of the technical standards that must be met to pass the SVA inspection.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC (formerly 98/34/EEC) (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

B. The United Kingdom would like to be informed by other Member States of their own standards or regulations offering an equivalent level of safety and security.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds



The Mutual Recognition clause is intended to ensure there are no barriers to trade within the EU. We are introducing the technical derogations to facilitate the approval of vehicles

which meet non-European standards which we accept as satisfactory for the UK. We are exempting visiting force vehicles because of special restrictions which apply to their use.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

The Motor Vehicles (Approval) (Amendment) Regulations [], which modify The Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 1996 (sent in draft with Notification 96/0128/UK)

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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