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2. Member State

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Certain motor vehicles of category M1 and category N1 which are personal imports, amateur-build vehicles, vehicles registered in very low volumes, motorcaravans or motor ambulances.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

These proposed Regulations set out the technical requirements and administrative procedures for obtaining a Ministerial Approval Certificates (MAC) for a vehicle, using a new inspection scheme designed for the approval of single vehicles rather than type approval. Taken together with proposed amendments to the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) Regulations 1984 and the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval of Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) Regulations 1982, they will introduce approval requirements for personal imports (up to three years old) and amateur-built vehicles which were previously exempt from any form of pre-registration approval. They will also enable vehicles produced for the UK market in very low numbers (no more than 15 per year and 100 over 5 years) to use single vehicle approval instead of type approval. This alternative will also be made available to motorcaravans and motor ambulances. Consequential amendments to the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations and the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations are also being proposed so that vehicles approved to the proposed Approval Regulations can legally be used on the road. Recognition of equivalent standards and testing has been provided in the drafts.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The main reason for making the Regulations is to ensure that personal imports and amateur-built vehicles both of which are currently exempt from any inspection prior to registration, are constructed to similar safety and environmental standards as type approved vehicles. A secondary aspect is to provide a low-cost alternative to type approval for vehicles

manufactured in very small numbers with a view to assisting small businesses.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i The Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 1996

The Motor Vehicles Tyres (Safety) Regulations 1994 (SI 1994/3117)

Sent with parallel notifications:

The Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1996

The Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) Regulations 1996

The Road Vehicles (Construction Use) (Amendment) No...) Regulations 1996

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1996

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

ii N/A

iii N/A

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

N/A

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

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