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Decree amending the Decree of 16 July 1954 on the lighting and light-signalling devices of vehicles

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4. Notification Number

2004/0277/F - T40T

5. Title

Decree amending the Decree of 16 July 1954 on the lighting and light-signalling devices of vehicles

6. Products Concerned

Motor vehicles

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The notified draft text amends Article 42 c of the Decree of 16 July 1954 by making it obligatory, in respect of heavy goods vehicles entering traffic for the first time with effect from 1 April 2005, and in respect of all vehicles concerned with effect from 1 April 2006, that the ancillary rear light-signalling equipment should conform to the Regulation No 70 appended to the Geneva agreement dated 20 March 1958 as amended by the first series of amendments.

It abrogates the Decree of 20 December 1977, which approved the tender document applicable to the approval of ancillary rear light-signalling equipment, with effect from 1 April 2005.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The safety of heavy goods vehicles has been improved by, inter alia, the development of their light-signalling, particularly to the rear, which has made them more visible at night. Ever since 1977, French regulations have imposed additional rear signal lighting using retro-reflecting optical units.

In 1996, this Regulation was developed in order to authorise, as an alternative to such retro-reflecting optical units, signalling using retro-reflecting bars in line with the Geneva Regulation R.70, which also permits differentiation between lorries and trailers, thus making it possible to gauge, from the rear, whether the vehicle is a lorry on its own and therefore short in configuration or a lorry with trailer or tractor and semi-trailer, and therefore long. This modification by way of a Regulation was the subject of Notification 95/0345/F (Decree of 26 June 1996).

The vehicles affected are at present fitted either with the old-style French equipment or with equipment conforming to Regulation R.70 (Amendment 00).

Requiring vehicles to be fitted with equipment conforming to Regulation R.70 (Amendment 00) would constitute an improvement in terms of harmonisation and visibility.

As regards harmonisation, this R.70 model is already largely in use in the Member States and has been required since 2001 for the transportation of goods subject to multilateral authorisation, as decided by the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT).

As regards visibility, the R.70 (Amendment 01) model is more effective than the French model or the R.70 (Amendment 00) model.



10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- a) - Regulation No 70 appended to the Geneva agreement of 20 March 1958 (Amendment 01)
- Decree of 16 July 1954 on the lighting and light-signalling devices of vehicles, amended by Decree of 26 June 1996 (Notification No 95/0345/F)
- Decree of 20 December 1977 approving the tender document applicable to the approval of ancillary rear light-signalling equipment.

b) The basic texts (with the exception of Amendment 01 of Regulation 70) have already been forwarded as part of Notification 95/345/F.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

NO

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

NO

14. Fiscal measures

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15. Impact assessment

No impact assessment

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT and SPS aspects (WTO Agreements concluded)

TBT aspect (Agreement on technical barriers to trade): NO

ii) The draft conforms to an international standard

SPS aspect (Agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures): NO

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