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# Order amending the Order of 9 February 2009 establishing the characteristics and the manner of fitting vehicle registration plates

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# Message

Message 002

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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#### 4. Notification Number

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#### 5. Title

Order amending the Order of 9 February 2009 establishing the characteristics and the manner of fitting vehicle registration plates

#### 6. Products Concerned

Registration plates for motorised two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles without bodywork, registered in France

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The notified Order aims, from 1 January 2017, to generalise the use of the single format registration plate (210 millimetres by 130 millimetres) for those fitted since 1 July 2015, for all motorised two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles without bodywork. The old format registration plates will therefore need to be changed before 1 July 2017.

This text is a continuation of the provisions of the Order of 11 February 2015 amending the Order of 9 February 2009 establishing the characteristics and the manner of fitting vehicle registration plates, which standardised the format of registration plates for these vehicles. It now retains a single format (the 210 mm by 130 mm format) for all motorised two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles without bodywork, rather than the three old formats (140 mm by 120 mm for mopeds, 170 mm by 130 mm or 210 mm by 130 mm for motorcycles and a 'general' two-line format of 275 mm or 300 mm by 200 mm for all other vehicles, including tricycles and quadricycles without bodywork).

The fitting of these single format registration plates has been applicable since 1 July 2015 only to motorised two- and three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles without bodywork which are new or entering the vehicle registration system.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This text aims to protect the most vulnerable users, i.e. drivers and passengers of motorised two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles without bodywork, who are particularly affected by road accidents and fatalities, by making speed monitoring and mandatory helmet use more effective. These users account for nearly one quarter of the deaths; 625 motorcyclists and 165 moped drivers died in 2014. Motorcyclists are only one of the two categories of users for whom the mortality rate decreased in 2014 (-1.0 %), but this downward trend is continuing at a slower pace than the average between 2000 and 2015 (-35 %), while at the same time light vehicles registered a decrease of 66 %.

To date, the five existing formats, by their very nature, complicate monitoring and cause users to develop a

sense of invulnerability which is highly detrimental to their safety.

The provisions of this text are compatible with the provisions of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 44/2014 of 21 November 2013 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 168/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the vehicle construction and general requirements for the approval of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles. The registration plate format (210 mm by 130 mm) does not give rise to any risks to users of vehicles in categories L1e, L2e and L6e, despite the fact that the space reserved for fitting such plates (rectangular area with the following minimum dimensions: (width: 100 mm/height: 175 mm or width: 145 mm/height: 125 mm)) is smaller than their size. The fitting of registration plates with the 210 mm by 130 mm format will not result in concealing the lighting of these vehicles, which are indispensable safety elements.

#### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference(s) to basic text(s): Order of 11 February 2015 amending the Order of 9 February 2009 establishing the characteristics and the manner of fitting vehicle registration plates.

The basic texts were forwarded with an earlier notification: 2014/463/F

11.	Invocation	of the	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Procedure</b>
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# 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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#### 13. Confidentiality

No

# 14. Fiscal measures

No

# 15. Impact assessment

No

#### 16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

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