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NOTE TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OF THE 1958 AGREEMENT

Subject: Monitoring Procedure established in UNECE Regulation 51

The UNECE Working Group on vehicle noise (GRB) has developed a new test cycle that shall replace the existing test protocol with a better measurement method reproducing the sound levels generated by vehicles during normal driving in urban traffic. Before this method can be used for type-approval purposes, new limit values for this method need to be established. In order to obtain representative data to determine those values and for a solid impact assessment, vehicle manufacturers shall carry out the old and the new measurement methods in parallel. The old method will continue to be required in order to receive type-approval and the new method will be used for monitoring purposes.

From 1 July 2007 all new motor vehicles, in order to receive type-approval on noise according to UNECE Regulation 51, will have to undergo noise tests following Annex 3 and Annex 10. Contracting Parties shall ensure that the results of these tests are communicated to the European Commission and those Contracting Parties that express an interest. A similar provision has been introduced in the recent update of Directive 70/157/EEC¹.

The Commission services have received some questions about the way by which the data will be communicated. Therefore a data sheet has been prepared that gives an indication about the data expected for each motor vehicle to be type-approved and tested for noise emissions, and can be found on the Europa web site at

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/automotive/directives/monitoring_procedure.htm

All data received will be made available on our website with restricted access as this information is qualified as commercially sensitive. Contracting Parties wishing to obtain access are kindly asked to contact me.

[Signed]
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¹ Directive 2007/34/EC, OJ L 155, 15.06.2007