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Dear Sir or Madam

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTOR VEHICLES (EC TYPE APPROVAL) REGULATIONS**

This consultation package seeks your views on the proposal to amend the existing EC type approval Regulations (SI number 1998-2051 as last amended by 2004-2186) by a Statutory Instrument that will update the existing Regulations to recognise a group of recent EU Directives that the Commission requires shall be applied.

In accordance with our obligations as an EU Member State, we are obliged to transpose these Directive requirements into our National Legislation. There is no alternative to this course of action. Nonetheless, your observations are sought, and will be of value in future negotiations on vehicle standards.

### **BACKGROUND**

There are four Directives to be introduced to these Regulations:

#### **2004/104/EC, amending Directive 72/245/EEC on Radio Suppression and Electromagnetic Compatibility ("EMC")**

This Directive serves to update the previous Standards to accommodate advances in technology, to ensure that vehicles do not emit electromagnetic waves to interfere with other transmitters or are affected by signals emitted by other systems. A Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) has been prepared for the transposition of this measure and is attached.

#### **2005/11/EC, amending Directive 92/23/EC on tyres**

The requirements of this Directive serve only to clarify the use of testing facilities. There are no changes to the technical or other requirements, so there is no Regulatory impact ensuing from the application of this Directive, and no RIA has therefore been prepared.

#### **2005/21/EC, amending Directive 72/306/EEC on diesel smoke emission**

The requirements of this Directive serve only to update the requirements for the equipment used to measure smoke density, allowing an alternative light source, and to update the specification of the reference fuel to be used. As a result there is no measurable impact, no costs to users, and no RIA has been prepared.

**2005/27/EC, amending Directive 2003/76/EC relating to mirrors and other devices for indirect vision**

The effect of this Directive is merely to make some changes to the seating angles required to be observed in the arrangements for testing some of the vehicles within its scope. It is not possible to make any meaningful measurement of costs of other impact of such a minor change, so no RIA has been prepared.

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If you wish to make any comment on these draft Regulations, please respond to me by 22nd July.

Yours Faithfully

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