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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>  European Commission, EC-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: 0032 2 299 80 43, E-mail: <a href="mailto:ec-tbt@cec.eu.int">ec-tbt@cec.eu.int</a>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Passenger cars (M <sub>1</sub> vehicles) and light duty trucks (N <sub>1</sub> vehicles) as defined in Council Directive 70/156/EEC as amended by Directive 2001/116/EC.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> COM (2004) 162 final, "Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the type-approval of motor vehicles with regard to their re-usability, recyclability and recoverability and amending Council Directive 70/156/EEC" – (44 pages, all EC languages).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This proposal for a Directive lays down the necessary provisions to ensure that new passenger cars and light-duty trucks up to 3 500 kg are designed to comply with required minimum rates with respect to their 're-usability', 'recyclability' and 'recoverability'.  New vehicles put on the market three years after the adoption of this Directive shall be designed and constructed as to be:  – re-usable and/or recyclable at a minimum of 85 % and – re-usable and/or recoverable at a minimum of 95 %.  The rates will be calculated according to the method described in the standard ISO 22628 : 2002.  The new provisions, which will be part of the Community type-approval system, will apply both to new types of vehicles to be approved and to new vehicles already covered by an approval.

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	<p>Moreover, the proposal includes a list of component parts that shall not be re-used in the construction of vehicles, because they could give rise to safety or environmental hazards. These provisions shall apply 12 months after the entry into force of the Directive.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b>  The aim of the proposed measure is to ensure the achievement by 2015 of targets concerning the recycling and recovery of vehicles components and materials set up in Article 7(4) of Directive 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles.</p> <p>One of the main objectives of Directive 2000/53/EC is to avoid the final disposal of waste by promoting the re-use, recycling and recovery of vehicle component parts. Article 7(1) of that Directive requires, however, that the re-use process must not be prejudicial to requirements regarding the safety of vehicles and the protection of the environment.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Relevant documents:</b> COM (2004)162 final. This proposal is available at the following address: <a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/automotive">http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/automotive</a>.</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b></p> <p><b>By the European Parliament and Council:</b> Scheduled for mid 2005</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 20 days after publication in the OJ of the European Union</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the date of notification</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</b></p> <p>European Commission,  EC-TBT Enquiry Point,  Fax: 0032 2 299 80 43,  E-mail: <a href="mailto:ec-tbt@cec.eu.int">ec-tbt@cec.eu.int</a></p>