

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Motor vehicles: Class M1 (passenger cars) and Class N1 (light goods vehicles)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2000 (64 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: The Regulations would replace the Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 1996, which concern the approval of single vehicles - i.e. those outside the scope of the type approval Framework Directive 70/156/EEC. The main changes are: (1) Progressive lifting of the numerical limits that currently apply to cars and light goods vehicles that are neither the subject of an equivalent EEA approval (which are already unrestricted) nor are personal imports or other specially defined classes; (2) enhanced standards for key safety, security (anti-theft) and environmental subjects for such vehicles; and (3) changes to the rules for "personal imports": it is proposed that most imports will in future be treated the same, irrespective of whether the import is by an individual for personal use or undertaken for commercial reasons.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To ensure that vehicles not type-approved in the European Economic Area meet minimum safety, environmental and anti-theft standards before they enter service.
8.	Relevant documents: Draft text of The Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2000
9.	Proposed date of adoption: January 2000 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 March 2000

10.	Final date for comments: 31 December 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: http://www.detr.gov.uk/ (under "Consultations") DETR, VSE1, Zone 2/03, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR Email: vsed@detr.gsi.gov.uk