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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007 on type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 5 and Euro 6) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information[(1)], and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Having regard to Directive 2007/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 September 2007 establishing a framework for the approval of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles (Framework Directive)[(2)], and in particular Article 39(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EU) No 510/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(3)] provides that the CO_2 savings achieved through the use of innovative technologies should be considered for the calculation of each manufacturer's average specific emissions of CO_2. Detailed rules on the approval and certification of innovative technologies for reducing CO_2 emissions from light commercial vehicles are set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 427/2014[(4)].

(2) In order to take account of the CO_2 savings achieved through the use of innovative technologies for the calculation of each manufacturer's specific emissions target of CO_2 and in order to ensure efficient monitoring of the specific CO_2 savings for individual vehicles, vehicles fitted with eco-innovations should be certified as part of the type approval of a vehicle and the savings should, in accordance with Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) No 427/2014, be specified separately in both the type approval documentation and the certificate of conformity in accordance with Directive 2007/46/EC.

(3) Consequently, it is necessary to modify the documents used in the type-approval process, in order to adequately reflect the information related to eco-innovations.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/45. (See end of Document for details)*

(4) The amendment of the documents used for type approval aims, on the one hand, at providing the approval authorities with the adequate data for certifying light commercial vehicles fitted with eco-innovations, and, on the other hand, at integrating the CO_2 savings of the eco-innovations as part of the representative information of a specific type, variant or version of vehicle.

(5) Commission Regulation (EC) No 692/2008[(5)] lays down the administrative provisions for checking the conformity of the vehicles for CO_2 emissions and the requirements for the measurement of CO_2 emissions and fuel consumption of such vehicles.

(6) Directive 2007/46/EC and Commission Regulation (EC) No 692/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(7) Sufficient lead time should be given in order to allow manufacturers and national authorities to adapt their procedures to the new rules.

(8) Manufacturers should have the possibility to apply, on a voluntary basis, for the certification of the CO_2 savings due to the implementation of innovative technologies, before the date of application of the new rules.

(9) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Technical Committee — Motor Vehicles,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes I and IX to Directive 2007/46/EC are amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

Annexes I and XII to Regulation (EC) No 692/2008 are amended in accordance with Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3

With effect from the date of entry into force of this Regulation, national authorities shall not refuse to grant EC type-approval or national type-approval in respect of vehicle types which comply with this Regulation.

From 1 January 2016, type-approvals of vehicle types fitted with innovative technologies for reducing CO_2 emissions, shall be granted in accordance with Directive 2007/46/EC and Regulation (EC) No 692/2008 as amended by this Regulation.

From 1 January 2016 at the latest, manufacturers shall deliver certificates of conformity in accordance with Directive 2007/46/EC and Regulation (EC) No 692/2008 as amended by this Regulation for all new vehicles.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 January 2015.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER