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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 661/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning type-approval requirements for the general safety of motor vehicles, their trailers and systems, components and separate technical units intended therefor[(1)], and in particular Article 14 (1)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 is a separate Regulation for the purposes of the type-approval procedure provided for by 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)].

(2) Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 repeals Council Directive 70/222/EEC of 20 March 1970 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the space for mounting and the fixing of rear registration plates on motor vehicles and their trailers[(3)]. The requirements set out in that Directive should be carried over to this Regulation and, where necessary, amended in order to adapt them to the development of scientific and technical knowledge.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 lays down fundamental provisions on requirements for the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers with regard to the space for mounting and the fixing of rear registration plates. Therefore, it is necessary to also set out the specific procedures, tests and requirements for such type-approval.

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

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HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) 'vehicle type with regard to the space for mounting and the fixing of rear registration plates' means vehicles which do not differ in such essential respects as:
- the dimensions of the space for mounting and fixing of the rear registration plate;
- the location of the space for mounting and fixing of the rear registration plate;
- the shape of the surface for mounting and fixing of the rear registration plate.

(2) 'virtually flat surface' means a surface of solid material, which may also consist of patterned mesh or grille, with a radius of curvature of at least 5 000 mm.

(3) 'surface of patterned mesh' means a surface consisting of an evenly spread pattern of shapes such as round, oval, diamond, rectangular or square holes spread evenly at intervals not exceeding 15 mm.

(4) 'surface of grille' means a surface consisting of parallel bars which are spread evenly and have a mutual distance of not exceeding 15 mm.

(5) 'nominal surface' means the theoretical geometrically perfect surface without taking into account surface irregularities such as protrusions or indentations.

(6) 'longitudinal median plane of the vehicle' means the plane of symmetry of the vehicle or, if the vehicle is not symmetrical, the vertical longitudinal plane passing through the middle of the vehicle axles.

(7) 'inclination' means the degree of the angular deviation in relation to a vertical plane;

Article 2

Provisions for EC type-approval of a motor vehicle or a trailer with regard to the space for mounting and the fixing of rear registration plates

1 The manufacturer or his representative shall submit to the type-approval authority the application for EC type-approval of a vehicle with regard to the space for mounting and the fixing of rear registration plates on motor vehicles and their trailers.

2 The application shall be drawn up in accordance with the model of the information document set out in Part 1 of Annex I.

3 If the relevant requirements set out in Annex II to this Regulation are met, the approval authority shall grant an EC type-approval and issue a type-approval number in accordance with the numbering system set out in Annex VII to Directive 2007/46/EC.

A Member State may not assign the same number to another vehicle type.

4 For the purposes of paragraph 3, the type-approval authority shall deliver an EC type-approval certificate established in accordance with the model set out in Part 2 of Annex I.

Article 3

Validity and extension of approvals granted under Directive 70/222/EEC

National authorities shall permit the sale and entry into service of vehicles type-approved before the date referred to in Article 13(2) of Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 and continue to grant extension of approvals to those vehicles under the terms of Directive 70/222/EEC.

Article 4

Entry into force

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.

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ANNEX I

Administrative documents for EC type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers with regard to the space for mounting and the fixing of rear registration plates

PART 1

Information document

MODEL

Information document No … relating to the EC type-approval of a motor vehicle or a trailer with regard to the space for mounting and the fixing of rear registration plates.

The following information shall be supplied in triplicate and include a list of contents. Any drawings shall be supplied in appropriate scale and in sufficient detail on size A4 or on a folder of A4 format. Photographs, if any, shall show sufficient detail.

If the systems, components or separate technical units referred to in this information document have electronic controls, information concerning their performance shall be supplied.

0. GENERAL

0.1. Make (trade name of manufacturer): …

0.2. Type: …

0.2.1. Commercial name(s) (if available): …

0.3. Means of identification of type, if marked on the vehicle[(4)]: …

0.3.1. Location of that marking: …

0.4. Category of vehicle[(5)]: …

0.5. Name and address of manufacturer: …

0.8. Name(s) and address(es) of assembly plant(s): …

0.9. Name and address of the manufacturer's representative (if any): …

1. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VEHICLE

1.1. Photographs and/or drawings of a representative vehicle: …

2. MASSES AND DIMENSIONS[(6)(7)]

2.4. Range of vehicle dimensions (overall)

2.4.2. For chassis with bodywork

2.4.2.3. Height (in running order)[(8)] (for suspensions adjustable for height, indicate normal running position): …

2.6. Mass in running order

Mass of the vehicle with bodywork and, in the case of a towing vehicle of category other than M_1, with coupling device, if fitted by the manufacturer, in running order, or mass of the chassis or chassis with cab, without bodywork and/or coupling device if the manufacturer does not fit

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the bodywork and/or coupling device (including liquids, tools, spare wheel, if fitted, and driver and, for buses and coaches, a crew member if there is a crew seat in the vehicle)[9] (maximum and minimum for each variant): …

9. BODYWORK

9.14. Space for mounting rear registration plates (give range where appropriate, drawings may be used where applicable): …

9.14.1. Height above road surface, upper edge: …

9.14.2. Height above road surface, lower edge: …

9.14.3. Distance of the centre line from the longitudinal median plane of the vehicle: …

9.14.4. Distance from the left vehicle edge: …

9.14.5. Dimensions (length × width): …

9.14.6. Inclination of the plane to the vertical: …

9.14.7. Angle of visibility in the horizontal plane: …

Explanatory notes

PART 2

EC type-approval certificate

MODELFormat: A4 (210 × 297 mm)EC TYPE-APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

Stamp of type-approval authority

Communication concerning:

— EC type-approval[a] — extension of EC type-approval[a] — refusal of EC type-approval[a] — withdrawal of EC type-approval[a]	of a type of motor vehicle or trailer with regard to the space for mounting and the fixing of rear registration plates
with regard to Regulation (EU) No 1003/2010, as last amended by Regulation (EU) No …/…[a]	
EC type-approval number: …	
Reason for extension: …	
a Delete where not applicable.	

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0.1. Make (trade name of manufacturer): …

0.2. Type: …

0.2.1. Commercial name(s) (if available): …

0.3. Means of identification of type, if marked on the vehicle[10]: …

0.3.1. Location of that marking: …