COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2000/22/EC

of 28 April 2000

adapting to technical progress Council Directive 87/402/EEC on roll-over protection structures mounted in front of the driver's seat on narrow-track wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 74/150/EEC of 4 March 1974 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors [1], as last amended by Commission Directive 2000/2/EC [2], and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 87/402/EEC of 25 June 1987 on roll-over protection structures mounted in front of the driver's seat on narrow-track wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors [3], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In order to improve safety, it is necessary to clarify the methods for testing protection structures mounted in front of the driver's seat on narrow-track wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors taking account of the wide range of equipment.

(2) The methods for testing these structures should be harmonised with those laid down in Code 6 of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on official tests of protection structures for agricultural tractors.

(3) Directive 87/402/EEC should be amended accordingly.

(4) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for Adaptation to Technical Progress established by Article 12 of Directive 74/150/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annexes I to V and VII to Directive 87/402/EEC are hereby amended in accordance with the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

1. From 1 July 2001, Member States may not:

— refuse, for a type of tractor, to grant EC type-approval or issue the document provided for in the third indent of Article 10(1) of Directive 74/150/EEC, or to grant national type-approval, or

— prohibit the first entry into service of tractors,

if those tractors comply with the requirements of Directive 87/402/EEC, as amended by this Directive.

2. From 1 January 2002, Member States:

— may no longer issue the document provided for in the third indent of Article 10(1) of Directive 74/150/EEC for a type of tractor if it does not comply with the requirements of Directive 87/402/EEC, as amended by this Directive,

— may refuse to grant national type-approval for a type of tractor if it does not comply with the requirements of Directive 87/402/EEC, as amended by this Directive.

Article 3

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 30 June 2001 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the main provisions of national law that they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 4

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 April 2000.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 84, 28.3.1974, p. 10.
[2] OJ L 21, 26.1.2000, p. 23.
[3] OJ L 220, 8.8.1987, p. 1.