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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 8 March 1977

amending Directive 70/157/EEC relating to the permissible sound level and the exhaust system of motor vehicles

(77/212/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 100 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽²⁾,

Whereas Council Directive 70/157/EEC of 6 February 1970 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the permissible sound level and the exhaust system of motor vehicles ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 73/350/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, lays down in its Annex the noise level limits for motor vehicles intended for use on the road, with or without bodywork, and

having at least four wheels and a maximum design speed exceeding 25 km/h, with the exception of vehicles which run on rails, agricultural or forestry tractors and machinery and public works vehicles ;

Whereas for the protection of the general public from noise nuisance, suitable measures are required to reduce the noise level of motor vehicles ; whereas such a reduction has been made possible by the technical progress in motor vehicle construction ;

Whereas the Annex to Directive 70/157/EEC should accordingly be amended by reducing the permissible noise-level values expressed in dB (A) for every category of vehicle referred to therein,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

In the Annex to Directive 70/157/EEC, the table in section I.1 shall be replaced by the following table :

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 5, 8. 1. 1975, p. 54.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 62, 15. 3. 1975, p. 33.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 42, 23. 2. 1970, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 321, 22. 11. 1973, p. 33.