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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 the technical requirements which motor vehicles must satisfy pursuant to national laws relate, *inter alia,* to their steering equipment;

Whereas those requirements differ from one Member State to another; whereas it is therefore necessary that all Member States adopt the same requirements either in addition to or in place of their existing rules, in order, in particular, to allow the EEC type approval procedure which was the subject of the Council Directive [3] of 6 February 1970 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type approval of motor vehicles and their trailers to be applied in respect of each type of vehicle;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

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Article 1

For the purpose of this Directive, 'vehicle' means any vehicle as defined in Article 2 of Directive 70/156/EEC.

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Article 2

No Member State may refuse to grant EEC type approval or national type approval of a vehicle on grounds relating to its steering equipment if this equipment satisfies the requirements set out in the ►M1 Annexes ◄.

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Article 2a

No Member State may refuse or prohibit the sale or registration, entry into service or use of a vehicle on grounds relating to its steering equipment, if this equipment satisfies the requirements set out in the Annex.

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Article 3

The amendments necessary for adjusting the requirements of the ►M2 Annexes ◄ so as to take account of technical progress shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 13 of the Council Directive of 6 February 1970 on the type approval of motor vehicles and their trailers.

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(1) OJ No C 160, 18.12.1969, p. 7.
(2) OJ No C 10, 27.1.1970, p. 18.
(3) OJ No L 42, 23.2.1970, p. 1.

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Article 4

1. Member States shall put into force the provisions containing the requirements needed in order to comply with this Directive within eighteen months of its notification and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

2. Member States shall ensure that the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive are communicated to the Commission.

Article 5

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

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ANNEX I

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SCOPE, DEFINITIONS, APPLICATION FOR EC TYPE-APPROVAL, GRANTING OF EC TYPE-APPROVAL CONSTRUCTION PROVISIONS, TEST PROVISIONS, MODIFICATIONS OF THE TYPE AND AMENDMENTS TO APPROVALS, CONFORMITY OF PRODUCTION

0. SCOPE

0.1. This Directive applies to the steering equipment of vehicles of categories M, N and O as defined in Annex IIA to Directive 70/156/EEC.

0.2. It does not cover steering equipment with a purely pneumatic, purely electric or purely hydraulic transmission except:

0.2.1. auxiliary steering equipment (ASE) with a purely electric or a purely hydraulic transmission for vehicles of categories M and N;

0.2.2. steering equipment with a purely hydraulic transmission for vehicles of category O.

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1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Directive:

1.1. *Approval of a vehicle* means the approval of a vehicle type with regard to its steering equipment;

1.2. *Vehicle type* means a category of vehicle which does not differ with respect to the manufacturer's designation of the vehicle type and/or variations which can affect its steering;

1.3. *Steering equipment* means all the equipment the purpose of which is to determine the direction of movement of the vehicle.

The steering equipment consists of:

— the steering control,

— the steering transmission,

— the steered wheels,

— the energy supply, if any;

1.3.1. *Steering control* means the part of the steering equipment which controls its operation, it may be operated with or without direct intervention of the driver. For steering equipment in which the steering forces are provided solely or partly by the muscular effort of the driver the steering control includes all parts up to the point where the steering effort is transformed by mechanical, hydraulic or electrical means;

1.3.2. *Steering transmission* includes all parts of the steering equipment which are the means of transmitting the steering forces between the steering control and the steered wheels; it includes all parts down from the point where the steering control effort is transformed by mechanical, hydraulic or electrical means;

1.3.3. *Steered wheels* means the wheels the alignment of which may be altered directly or indirectly in relation to the longitudinal axis the vehicle in order to determine the direction of movement of the vehicle. (The steered wheels include the axis around which they are rotated in order to determine the direction of movement of the vehicle);

1.3.4. *Energy supply* includes those parts of the steering equipment which provide it with energy, control the energy and where appropriate, process and store it. It also includes any storage reservoirs for the operating medium and the return lines, but not the vehicle's engine (except for the purposes of item 4.1.3) or its drive to the energy source;

1.3.4.1. *Energy source* means that part of the energy supply which provides the energy in the required form e.g. hydraulic pump, air compressor;

1.3.4.2. *Energy reservoir* means that part of the energy supply in which the energy provided by the energy source is stored;

1.3.4.3. *Storage reservoir* means that part of the energy supply in which the operating medium is stored at or near to the atmospheric pressure.