

COUNCIL DECISION**of 28 November 2006****on the accession of the Community to United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No 107 on uniform provisions concerning the approval of category M₂ or M₃ vehicles with regard to their general construction****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2006/874/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Article 1

Having regard to Council Decision 97/836/EC of 27 November 1997 with a view to accession by the European Community to the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted to and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions (Revised 1958 Agreement) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(3) and the second indent of Article 4(2) thereof,

1. The Community shall apply Regulation No 107 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on uniform provisions concerning the approval of category M₂ or M₃ vehicles with regard to their general construction.

2. The text of the Regulation is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Regulation No 107 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on uniform provisions concerning the approval of category M₂ or M₃ vehicles with regard to their general construction shall become part of the Community type-approval system for motor vehicles.

Having regard to the assent of the European Parliament,

Article 3

Whereas:

The Commission shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of this Decision.

(1) The standardised requirements of Regulation No 107 on uniform provisions concerning the approval of category M₂ or M₃ vehicles with regard to their general construction are intended to remove technical barriers to the trade in motor vehicles between the Contracting Parties and to ensure a high level of safety and protection in the operation of vehicles.

Done at Brussels, 28 November 2006.

(2) The Commission therefore considers that Regulation No 107 should become part of the Community system for the type approval of motor vehicles,

For the Council
The President
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 78.