

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 31 July 2002

**concerning a request for exemption submitted by Belgium pursuant to Article 8(2)(c) of Council Directive 70/156/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers***(notified under document number C(2002) 2880)***(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)**

(2002/642/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 70/156/EEC 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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Directive 2001/116/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 8(2)(c) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The request for exemption submitted by Belgium on 9 April 2002, which reached the Commission on 12 April 2002, contained the information required by Article 8(2)(c) of Directive 70/156/EEC.
- (2) The request concerns the installation on one type of vehicle of category M<sub>1</sub> of headlamps with a bend lighting function. Bend lighting is a function intended to provide enhanced illumination of the road into bends.
- (3) The reasons given in the request, according to which such vehicle types meet the requirements of Annex IV to Directive 70/156/EEC, apart from Council Directive 76/756/EEC of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the installation of lighting and light-signalling devices on motor vehicles and their trailers <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Directive 97/28/EC <sup>(4)</sup>, are well founded.
- (4) The description of the tests, the results thereof and their compliance with UN/ECE Regulation No 48, as amended recently, ensure a satisfactory level of safety.

- (5) The Community Directive concerned will be amended in order to permit the installation of such bend lighting.

- (6) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Adaptation to Technical Progress set up by Directive 70/156/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The request submitted by Belgium for an exemption concerning the approval and placing on the market a type of vehicle of category M<sub>1</sub> fitted with bend lighting in accordance with the draft UN/ECE provisions is hereby approved.

*Article 2*

The validity of the approvals granted in accordance with this Decision shall take effect on 1 July 2002 and shall expire on 30 June 2004.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 31 July 2002.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 42, 23.2.1970, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 18, 21.1.2002, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 262, 27.9.1976, p. 1.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 171, 30.6.1997, p. 1.