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laying down detailed provisions as regards the use of rear aerodynamic devices pursuant to Council Directive 96/53/EC

*Article 1***Subject matter**

This Regulation lays down detailed provisions for the use of aerodynamic rear devices mounted on vehicles and vehicle combinations in accordance with Directive 96/53/EC.

*Article 2***Definitions**

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions apply:

- (a) ‘devices’ means aerodynamic devices mounted at the rear of vehicles or vehicle combinations;
- (b) ‘in-use position’ means the position of devices in a deployed aerodynamic drag-reducing position;
- (c) ‘closed position’ means the position of devices in a folded or retracted position, which is safely secured.

*Article 3***Operational conditions****▼M1**

1. Member States may prohibit the circulation of vehicles or vehicle combinations equipped with devices in the in-use position in view of the special characteristics of urban or interurban areas where speed limits are 50 km/h or less and where vulnerable road users are likely to be present.

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2. The devices shall be in the closed position in situations or areas where special attention or consideration is necessary. This may occur:

- (a) while manoeuvring, reversing or parking the vehicle;
- (b) when the vehicle is parked;
- (c) while loading or unloading goods.

3. The use of devices in intermodal transport operations shall be subject to the following requirements:

- (a) in preparation of and during intermodal transport the devices shall be in the closed position;

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- (b) the devices shall not protrude more than 25 mm on each side of the vehicle and the total width of the vehicle including the devices shall not exceed 2 600 mm;
4. Defective, unsafe or malfunctioning devices shall be kept in the closed position or, where possible, immediately removed.
5. By way of exception to paragraphs 2 and 3(a), devices are not required to be in the closed position where, in accordance with Part B point 1.3.1.1.3, Part C point 1.3.1.1.3, and Part D point 1.4.1.1.3 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1230/2012, they are not required to be retractable or foldable if the maximum dimensional requirements are complied with under all conditions.

*Article 4***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.