

Type-Approval Procedure

Information System of the German Type-Approval Authority

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Directive 92/23/EEC as amended by 2001/43/EC;
- Tire/road noise emission

This memo replaces issue No. 03-03

Question or problem:

The above-mentioned amending directive introduced among other things a new Attachment V, according to which the rolling noise of the tires can be measured and approved. The content of the entire directive has led to various interpretations, which are to be clarified with the help of this memo.

Result:

In particular, Art. 2 Paragraph 3 of the amended directive does not require the provisions of Attachment V concerning tire/road noise emission to be taken into consideration when granting a type approval for vehicles in respect to the installation of the tires. After the approval authorities reached agreement in Bristol, UK, in February, tires for which approvals are granted under Attachment III shall not be required to fulfill the provisions under Attachment V concerning tire/road noise emission. In accordance with Article 10a of Directive 2001/43/EC, this results in the following effective dates:

According to Paragraph 3, no new system approvals may be granted under Attachment III as from 04 February 2004 if the provisions as amended by 2001/43/EC are not being met. The system approvals in place at that point in time can be maintained.

Even national type approvals for vehicles falling within the scope of this Directive may no longer be granted as from 04 February 2004 if the provisions of the amending directive 2001/43/EC are not being complied with.

This means that when a vehicle is outfitted initially, tires may still be used that do not bear the type approval mark for noise emissions under Attachment V of the Directive.

According to Paragraph 4, as from 04 February 2005, vehicles falling within the scope of this provision may enter into service only if they meet the provisions of the Directive as amended by Directive 2001/43/EC. Whether the vehicles are put into service pursuant to a national or an international type approval is irrelevant.

The tires are not required to bear the approval mark for noise emissions in accordance with Attachment V of the Directive.

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According to Paragraph 5, the selling and putting into service of tires that fail to meet the provisions of the Directive as amended by Directive 2001/43/EC and that do not bear the type approval mark for the noise emissions in accordance with Attachment V will be prohibited as from 01 October 2009. This deadline is pushed back to 01 October 2010 for class C1d tires (passenger car tires with a nominal width of over 185 mm to 215 mm), and to 01 October 2011 for class C1e tires (passenger car tires with a nominal width of over 215 mm).

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