

Type-Approval Procedure

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Directive 70/156/EEC - Multi-Stage Type Approvals

Question or problem:

When granting type approvals for motor caravans, the question arises, whether vehicles built optionally on a base vehicle or a production stage (already modified base vehicle) with modified frame can be approved within one type.

Solution:

In the cases in question, motor caravans are built on truck chassis that form the base vehicle. At the same time, the same vehicles are used, but only after first having been fitted with a low frame or an extended frame by another manufacturer.

In respect to the KBA Leaflet on Multi-Stage Type Approval of March 2002 - General Instructions, Dealing with Chassis Extensions - the following procedure must be observed:

Experience so far has shown that modifications made to base vehicles by another manufacturer - including to vehicles not belonging to class M₁ - must be treated as a separate production stage. For such vehicles, a certificate of origin is necessary for both the base vehicle as well as for the production stage.

By extending the chassis or installing a low frame, the type delimitation criteria of class M₁ continue to be met. What remains in each case is a chassis with longitudinal members. The foregoing does not apply if the delimitation criteria for the base vehicle are affected, e.g. through the number of axles. The different types of chassis are to be described as variants in the type approval.

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