

Informationssystem Typgenehmigungsverfahren

Directive 2004/104/EC adapting Council Directive 72/245/EEC;
- radio interference (electromagnetic compatibility) of vehicles

Question or problem:

From the date of entering into force of the Commission Directive 2004/104/EC the Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt (KBA) received a lot of questions regarding the transitional provisions, especially for component type-approvals granted according to Directive 95/54/EC and their implementation into vehicle approval.

Result:

Article 2 (4) of the Directive determines, that components or separate technical units which are type-approved according to Directive 95/54/EC are allowed to be sold or entered into service until 31. December 2008. Extensions of the approvals are possible until the same date.

With effect from 1 July 2006, for a type of vehicle, component or separate technical unit where the requirements laid down in Annexes I to X to Directive 72/245/EEC, as amended by this Directive, are not fulfilled, Member States, on grounds related to electromagnetic compatibility shall no longer grant new EC type-approval.

The opinion of the Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt is in principle that components, approved according to Directive 95/54/EC are allowed to be inserted in new vehicle approvals according to Directive 2004/104/EC, as long as the component approval is valid. If the component approval cease to be valid the appropriate vehicle type-approval lost its validity, too.

During the Typeapproval Authorities Meeting (TAAM) an agreement regarding this interpretation was not reached. The result of the controversy discussion was that the majority of the authorities were in favour of a more stringent interpretation of the Directive.

In the light of this discussion the Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt recommends that components which are separately approved and which should be incorporated in a vehicle approval should fulfil the Directive 2004/104/EC.

The UN/ECE-Regulation No. 10 as amended by 02 series of amendments is still an alternative to the Directive 72/245/EEC as last amended for the approval of components and vehicles, although the technical requirements are similar to the Directive 72/245/EEC as amended by Directive 95/54/EC.

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