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Type-Approval Procedure Information System of the German Type-Approval Authority

Directive 76/756/EEC;

- Daytime running lights on multi-stage vehicles

Question or problem:

Do vehicles which should be approved as a new type in a multi-stage type-approval process after 7 February 2011 have to comply with amendment 2008/89/EC and be fitted with a daytime running light, even if the front lighting system is taken unchanged from the base vehicle?

Result:

In deviation to the general procedure that system approvals cannot be issued in several stages, the Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt (KBA) (German Federal Motor Transport Authority) has agreed with other European approval authorities that the procedure for vehicles, which in respect of the directive 76/756/EEC or regulation ECE R48 are only changed in a further stage in the side or rear lighting systems, should be as follows:

If a vehicle body work takes over the front lighting system in full and unchanged in a further stage and a system approval has already been issued for the base vehicle in accordance with directive 76/756/EEC or regulation ECE R48, this may still be considered as valid for the unchanged part.

If the approval was issued in accordance with directive 76/756/EEC or regulation ECE R48 for base vehicles of classes M1 and N1 before 7 February 2011 and for base vehicles of classes M2, M3, N2 and N3 before 7 August 2012, the completed vehicle does not need to be fitted with day-time running lights.

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