

## Type-Approval Procedure

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

**Directive 2005/55/EC;**  
**- Validity of EURO V certificates for N<sub>1</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and M<sub>2</sub> vehicles**

Question or problem:

How long will emission type-approvals of vehicle classes N<sub>1</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and M<sub>2</sub> according to 2005/55/EC EURO V and EEV stay valid?

Result:

KBA accepts type-approvals of such vehicles as valid until 31-12-2013.

Justification:

The validity of emission approvals of the above mentioned vehicle classes is generally not limited by Directive 2005/55/EC. Regulation (EC) No. 595/2009 (EURO VI) determines in Article 8, that certificates of conformity not conform to this regulation will lose their validity at 31-12-2013.

Vehicles with a reference mass below 2610 kg have to be seen different:

Regulation (EC) No. 715/2007 (EURO 5) and the directive 2008/74/EC amending directive 2005/55/EC embody some contradictive provisions in this respect. Regulation (EC) No. 595/2009 (EURO VI) generally opens the rigid separation of mass areas. Because of the complex legal situation the issue was discussed at the Technical Committee Motor Vehicles (TCMV), finally at the 21-11-2011 at Brussels:

The Commission explained that, due to legal complexity of the issue, it had not been possible to carry out yet a legal assessment on the validity of EURO V (heavy duty) certificates of conformity of light duty vehicles. The Commission asked Member States if, from a practical, technical and environmental point of view, it could be acceptable to consider EURO V certificates of conformity to be valid until the date of entry into force of EURO VI, namely 31-12-2013.

No Member State had identified any practical, technical or environmental problems if EURO V certificates of conformity would still be valid until 31-12-2013. As a consequence, the Commission, in its second intervention, clarified that for the time being, due to legal complexity, practical insignificance of the issue and its limited resources it would not complete a legal assessment on the issue or intervene against a continued acceptance of the said EURO V certificates of conformity.

So, a general acceptance throughout the EU can be assumed.

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