

Type-Approval Procedure

Information System of the German Type-Approval Authority

Directive 2007/46/EC;

- **Multi-stage type-approval procedure: Use of information taken from the base vehicle model information document in the following stage / handling of approvals from previous stages**

Question or problem setting:

According to Annex XVII of Directive 2007/46/EC vehicles may be approved in several stages. The model information document should be completed in accordance with Annex I or III, possibly from a mixture of two annexes. The details that remain unchanged from the previous stage, the manufacturer of the next stage can carry over the data unchanged.

The information is now provided either by copying or showing a reference to the appropriate approval of the preceding stage under the condition that the respective documents must be attached as Appendix to information document by the current stage completely.

This yields the following question:

Must the full approval package of this stage be provided when referring to the previous level?

Result:

To unify the procedures within the Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt (KBA) and to simplify the procedure for the applicant we will proceed in the following way:

- In deviation from the KBA guideline of the multi-stage procedure we will still accept reference to the previous stage without the approval documents of this stage to be attached as annex to the model information document.
- In general the vehicle approval documents of other authorities are available at KBA as an EU type-approval authority. Should this not be the case, the body builder must provide the relevant documents at his disposal, these documents will not be part of his own approval.
- In general all relevant approval certificates of the previous stages which are taken as reference have to be attached to the model information documents.
- In case an amended Type-Variant-Version (TVV) table has been created that is different from the previous stage, it must be ensured that a clear assignment to the variants and versions of the stage preceding is possible so that the data from the model information documents of the preceding stage may continue to be used.
- A table according to Annex III Part III (list of approvals under separate acts) has to be provided completely. Here, both the own as well as the systems from its previous stages have to be specified with the appropriate approval numbers. For the regulatory acts, for which no system approval exists and which are covered with test reports, the test report numbers have to be indicated in this table.
- The test results according to Appendix VIII of 2007/46/EC are to be provided in each stage (i. e. for completed vehicles) as well as in any stage of implementation emission-related changes to the vehicle.

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The above mentioned procedure could be applied immediately. The final conversion takes place until the 31.12.2014.

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