

Type-Approval Procedure

Information System of the German Type-Approval Authority

Time table for the utilisation of Regulation (EU) No. 168/2013 pursuant to Annex IV and its consequences for existing type-approvals in accordance with Directive 2002/24/EC

Issue/Statement of the problem

In accordance with Article 77, Paragraph 2 of the Regulation (EU) No. 168/2013 an EU type-approval issued in accordance with the regulatory acts for vehicles, systems, components or separate technical units of Article 81, Paragraph 1 is valid until the time defined in Annex IV for existing vehicle types.

This raises the question of whether and under what circumstances type-approvals for complete vehicles in accordance with Directive 2002/24/EU can be extended beyond 31.12.2016.

Result:

End-of-series for Classes L3e, L4e, L5e and L7e

Until 31.12.2016 existing vehicle type-approvals in accordance with Directive 2002/24/EU which fulfil the provisions concerning the automatic switch-on of the lighting equipment (AHO) and the tank permeability provisions can be extended. In accordance with the transcript of the 48th meeting of the Technical Committee on Motor Vehicles (TCMV) of 01.07.2015, these matters must be dealt with by extending the respective vehicle type-approvals via the responsible approval authority. The registration of vehicles with such a valid type-approval is also possible without restrictions.

In accordance with Annex IV of Regulation (EU) No. 168/2013, from 01.01.2017 a number of single technical regulatory acts (e.g. 4 Euro for No. 1.1.2.2) and for No. 4.2 the regulatory implementing acts of the administrative provisions for vehicle classes L3e, L4e, L5e and L7e for **existing vehicles** will take effect. Consequently, for the vehicle classes referred to this means that an extension of the type-approvals in accordance with Directive 2002/24/EU is no longer possible, as the formal conditions and the conditions according to administrative law for a type-approval in accordance with Regulation (EU) No. 168/2013 are described in the administrative provisions.

It then follows that the production and placing on the market of vehicles with a type-approval in accordance with Directive 2002/24/EU will no longer be possible after 01.01.2017 for the classes referred to above. From 01.01.2017, a vehicle type-approval in accordance with Regulation (EU) No. 168/2013 will therefore be required for the initial registration of Class L3e, L4e, L5e and L7e vehicles. For vehicles produced before the reference date it is possible to apply for an end-of-series exemption in accordance with the conditions elaborated in Article 44. In so far as no proof of AHO and tank seal tightness exists with vehicles for which the exemption is requested, these exceptions must also be considered. In this case, the grace period of 24 months would begin on 01.01.2016.

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End-of-series for Classes L1e, L2e and L6e

For vehicles of Classes L1e, L2e and L6e, it follows from the stipulations of Annex IV that extensions for type-approvals in accordance with Regulation 2002/24/EU can still be issued until 31.12.2017. However, No. 2.3.2 of Annex IV stipulates that from 01.01.2017 such vehicles must have a differential or an equivalent device in order to ensure safe cornering. If vehicles fulfil these technical requirements, but no proof thereof exists, this proof must be included as an extension to the vehicle type-approval. If this extension is not requested or the vehicles do not fulfil the requirements, the vehicles can be placed on the market only with an end-of-series exemption. The registration and placing on the market of Class L1e, L2e and L6e vehicles with a valid type-approval in accordance with Directive 2002/24/EU which includes the fulfilment of the requirements in respect of safe cornering is then possible without an exemption until 31.12.2017.

Analogously, the production and placing on the market of vehicles with a type-approval in accordance with Directive 2002/24/EU no longer possible from 01.01.2018 for the Classes L1e, L2e and L6e referred to. For vehicles produced before the reference date it is possible to apply for an end-of-series exemption in accordance with the conditions elaborated in Article 44.

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