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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| 1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2): |
| 2. Agency responsible: International Vehicle Standards Zone 1/31 Department for Transport 33 Horseferry Road LONDON SW1P 4DR ivs.consult@dft.gsi.gov.uk https://www.gov.uk/vehicle-approval Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: UK TBT Enquiry Point Trade Policy Group Department of International Trade 3 Whitehall Place London SW1A 2AW Email: TBTUK_EP@trade.gsi.gov.uk |
| 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other: |
| 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Motor vehicles: cars, buses, trucks and their trailers, including the labels and promotional material associated with cars. Commercial vehicles (ICS 43.080), Passenger cars. Caravans and light trailers (ICS 43.100). |
| 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Road Vehicles (Approval) and Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO2 emissions information) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (14 page(s), in English) |
| 6. Description of content: The draft regulations make amendments to national approval schemes for Small-series type approval and Individual approval, which were set up in 2009 as foreseen under Article 23 and 24 of Directive 2007/46/EC on road vehicle approval. The national approval schemes offer manufacturers who sell low volumes of vehicles and sell them only into the UK, an alternative to obtaining European Whole Vehicle Type Approval (ECWVTA). The regulations include provisions for accepting national approvals from other member states, in line with Articles 23-6, 23-7 and 24-6 of the Directive which specify the Mutual Recognition procedures which must be followed. The technical standards for the national approval schemes have been updated to cover the latest EU regulations on Emissions and Safety, and are closely based on the requirements in the relevant EC Directives. In addition we are proposing an amendment to passenger car fuel consumption |

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| | <p>regulations, in order to implement Commission Recommendation of 31.5.2017 on the use of fuel consumption and CO2 emission values type-approved and measured in accordance with the World Harmonised Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP) when making information available for consumers pursuant to Directive 1999/94/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council around the introduction of WLTP testing.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment; The Directive allows Member States to operate national approval schemes, which must remain within certain parameters. Industry and other stakeholders in the UK use such schemes in order to maintain choice in the marketplace, to permit low volume specialist vehicles to continue to be sold, to permit individuals to import vehicles from outside the EC, and to protect small businesses selling low volume vehicles. The schemes require amendment to ensure that the latest EU requirements on emissions testing and safety equipment are clearly specified in the regulations governing the scheme, whilst maintaining suitable exemptions for low volume producers and importers.</p> <p>At the same time, due to the implementation of a new WLTP laboratory test into EU law, the fuel consumption figures thereby obtained need to be provided in labels in showrooms and promotional literature. Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Commission Recommendation of 31.5.2017 mentioned above are being put into law, whilst the other Recommendations will be implemented administratively or via Guidance. However, the UK is delaying changeover in "regulated literature" of the WLTP CO2 emissions figures until 6 April 2020, to align with the date when the basis for UK car taxation is changing to WLTP CO2 emissions results. These figures (WLTP CO2) will of course be available from manufacturers and the relevant government website, but will not be classed as the "official CO2 figures" until this date, to avoid confusion for consumers with the tax regime.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Relevant documents: The Road Vehicles (Approval) and Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO2 emissions information) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.</p> <p>The Road Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2009, SI 2009/717.</p> <p>The Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO2 emissions information) Regulations 2001, SI 2001/3523.</p> |
| 9. | <p>Proposed date of adoption: 29 May 2018</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2018</p> |
| 10. | <p>Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p> |
| 11. | <p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/GBR/18_0968_00_e.pdf</p> |