



22nd December 2015

**CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (ROAD VEHICLES: TYPE-APPROVAL) REGULATIONS 2009 (S.I. No. 158 of 2009)**

Dear ECWVTA Stakeholder,

Due to safety, environmental, and trade reasons, the European Union has set harmonised construction standards for new road vehicles. Statutory Instruments 157 and 158 of 2009 implemented ECWVTA (European Communities Whole Vehicle Type Approval) and its related NSSTA (National Small Series Type Approval) and IVA (Individual Vehicle Approval) schemes in Ireland. In 2011 the technical requirements for NSSTA and IVA schemes were updated and it is now necessary to re-assess these technical requirements due to the passage of time and technical advancements. The RSA has drafted proposed updates to Schedule 3 of the Type-Approval Regulations 2009 (S.I. 158 of 2009) which can be downloaded from [here](#). The main changes drafted are highlighted in yellow and a summary of the proposed changes are as follows;

- 'Compulsory compliance with Euro VI heavy duty emissions for all vehicles manufactured after 1st July 2016. Vehicles whose build is finished before this date can be Euro V'
- 'Bring forward the date from when M1 vehicles are required to be fitted with Euro 6 (Light-Duty) engines, from 1st September 2016 to 1st July 2016. (Bearing in mind production of Euro 5 vehicles should have stopped before 1st September 2015).'
- 'Compliance with the requirements of EU or UNECE Regulations for hydrogen fuelled vehicles, for both tank and installation.'
- 'Compliance with the requirements of EU or UNECE Regulations for electric vehicles – UN ECE Regulation 100-01'
- 'From the 1st November 2016, compulsory approval of Advanced Emergency Braking System (AEBS) and Lane Departure Warning System (LDWS) to vehicles within the scope of the relevant UN regulation for each system'
- 'For N2 and N3 vehicles, compliance with UN ECE Regulation 46-04 (Mirrors) for vehicles manufactured after the 01 July 2016'

With regard to the numerical limits for NSSTA, it is proposed that from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, the limits will be increased in line with those permitted by Commission Regulation (EU) No. 214/2014. This will allow certain classes of vehicles to exceed maximum EU authorised dimensions, provided that Irish national dimensional limits (specified in S.I. No. 5 of 2003 as amended) are not exceeded.

The draft proposals are broadly in line with UK proposals in an effort to retain mutual recognition arrangements between Ireland and the UK.

The RSA wishes to hear from ECWVTA stakeholders who may have views on the proposed changes and asks that they respond by the 29th of January 2016. Comments should be e-mailed to: [ecwvta@rsa.ie](mailto:ecwvta@rsa.ie) or posted to;

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