

# Statement Regarding Updates to National Type Approval Schemes 2017:

## Including the introduction of EURO VI Emission Standards for Heavy Commercial Vehicles (HCVs)

**Statement Date:** 30-06-2017

**The Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, has today signed regulations which provide for the introduction of EURO VI<sup>1</sup> emission standards for nationally type approved HCVs effective from 1 July 2017 (two phase implementation). Additional updates are also incorporated in the regulations to take account of recent technical advances with respect to vehicle design.**

Euro VI emission standards set tighter limits for atmospheric pollutants and have been mandatory for mass produced HCVs being sold across the EU since 31 December 2013. However Ireland, has obtained an exemption under Directive 2007/46/EC for vehicles produced via the National Small Series Type Approval (NSSTA) and Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) schemes and is now taking the necessary steps to introduce Euro VI standards for all nationally type approved HCVs in order to provide a level commercial playing field and to combat vehicular emissions.

**The implementation timeframe for the introduction of the Euro VI to NSSTA and IVA schemes in Ireland is;**

- 1. 1 July 2017 :**
  - a. All nationally type approved pre-assembled factory-finished HCVs (complete), and**
  - b. those undergoing any incomplete stage of a multi-stage build, which involves the assembly of the chassis and the drivers cab (incomplete)**

From 1 July 2017 onwards it will only be possible for manufacturers to issue an incomplete or a complete Certificate of Conformity (CoC) on NSSTA for a HCV that is Euro VI compliant. Furthermore, the NSAI will only issue incomplete IVA Certificates for HCVs that are Euro VI compliant after this date.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No. 595/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on type-approval of motor vehicles and engines with respect to emissions from heavy duty vehicles (Euro VI)

## 2. 1 January 2018:

**All nationally type approved multi-stage built vehicles, which involves the fitting of a customised body (e.g. tipper body, concrete mixer etc.) to the chassis (completed).**

From 1 January 2018 onwards it will only possible for a manufacturer to issue a completed CoC on NSSTAs that are Euro VI compliant. Furthermore, the NSAI will only grant IVA Certificates for HCVs that are Euro VI compliant after this date.

### **Additional changes to Type Approval and Entry into Service Regulations**

Additional updates are now made to the regulations to account for recent technical advances, with compliance being introduced for the following:

1. EU or UNECE Regulations for hydrogen fuelled vehicles<sup>2</sup> (both fuel tank and installations);
2. UNECE Regulation<sup>3</sup> for electric vehicles;
3. EU or UNECE Regulations for Advanced Emergency Braking System (AEBS)<sup>4</sup> and Lane Departure Warning System (LDWS)<sup>5</sup> for relevant vehicles; and
4. UNECE Regulation 46-04 (Mirrors) for heavy goods vehicles (N2 and N3).

### **Legislative Simplification**

In an exercise of legislative simplification, schedules 1 of both S.I. No. 158 of 2009 and S.I. No. 157 of 2009 are removed as reference is now made directly to the Framework Directive (as amended<sup>6</sup>).

### **Updates to the National Small Series Type-Approval Limits**

Schedule 4 of S.I. No. 158 of 2009 lists the maximum permitted numbers of vehicles for NSSTA. The number of vehicles which can be approved as part of a small series are updated in line with Commission Regulation (EU) No 214/2014 as follows:

<b>Categories</b>	M1	M2/M3	N1	N2/N3	O1/O2	O3/O4
<b>Units</b>	100	250	250	250	500	250

<sup>2</sup> EU Regulation 79/2009 or ECE Regulation 134

<sup>3</sup> UNECE R100-01

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) 347/2012 or UNECE Regulation 131

<sup>5</sup> Regulation (EU) 351/2012 or UNECE Regulation 130

<sup>6</sup> By the regulatory acts specified in the updated Schedule 6 of S.I. No. 158 of 2009 and Schedule 4 of S.I. No. 157 of 2009

## **Contact Details**

### **Road Safety Authority - RSA**

The RSA website contains further information on the [type approval](#) process and including [FAQ's](#), information leaflets and links to the [relevant legislation](#). If you need further information you can email [ecwvta@rsa.ie](mailto:ecwvta@rsa.ie) or phone 096-25014.

### **The NSAI - Irelands Approval Authority**

The NSAI (National Standards Authority of Ireland) is Ireland's appointed Approval Authority and are responsible for issuing all national approvals (IVA or NSSTA) for vehicles in Ireland. For more information on this and on obtaining approval, please contact the NSAI at the following

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### **The Revenue Commissioners - Ireland's registration authority**

The Revenue Commissioners are Ireland's registration authority for motor vehicles. And require proof of approval for all new vehicles entering the fleet. Please visit Revenue's website at [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie) for more information on the registration of vehicles.