

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE DATES FOR ECWVTA AND ITS RELATED SCHEMES

<i>Category</i>	<i>Date for obligatory approval</i>
M ₁	29 Apr 2009
Incomplete and complete vehicles of categories M ₂ , M ₃	29 Oct 2010
Completed vehicles of categories M ₂ , M ₃	29 Oct 2011
Incomplete and complete vehicles of category N ₁	
Special- purpose vehicles of category M ₁	29 Apr 2012
Incomplete and complete vehicles of categories N ₂ , N ₃ , O ₁ , O ₂ , O ₃ , O ₄	29 Oct 2012
Completed vehicles of category N ₁	29 Apr 2013
Completed vehicles of categories O ₁ , O ₂ , O ₃ , O ₄	29 Oct 2013
Special- purpose vehicles of categories N ₁ , N ₂ , N ₃ , M ₂ , M ₃ , O ₁ , O ₂ , O ₃ , O ₄	29 Oct 2014
Completed vehicles of categories N ₂ , N ₃	

DEFINITIONS

An **'incomplete vehicle'** is any vehicle which must undergo at least one further stage of completion before it can be considered a completed vehicle. An example of this would be a chassis cab which has approval but yet has to have a body attached as part of a multistage build.

A **'complete vehicle'** is a vehicle which has been manufactured in a single stage by a vehicle manufacturer. It requires no further work prior to registration, it fulfills the relevant requirements of ECWVTA and an example of this would be a mass produced van, in a finished condition.

A **'completed vehicle'** is a vehicle which has undergone a multi-stage type approval process involving more than one manufacturer. An example of this would be a bodybuilder who imports a type approved chassis and assembles a body to this so that the vehicle requires no further work and is in a finished condition.

Category M:

Motor vehicles with at least four wheels designed and constructed for the carriage of passengers.

Category M1: Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of passengers and comprising no more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat.

Category M2: Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of passengers, comprising more than eight **seats in addition to the driver's seat**, and having a maximum mass not exceeding 5 tonnes.

Category M3: Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of passengers, comprising more than eight **seats in addition to the driver's seat**, and having a maximum mass exceeding 5 tonnes.

Category N:

(Motor vehicles with at least four wheels designed and constructed for the carriage of goods)

Category N1: Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding 3.5 tonnes.

Category N2: Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass exceeding 3.5 tonnes but not exceeding 12 tonnes.

Category N3: Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass exceeding 12 tonnes.

Category O:

Trailers (including semi-trailers).

Category O1: Trailers with a maximum mass not exceeding 0.75 tonnes

Category O2: Trailers with a maximum mass exceeding 0.75 tonnes but not exceeding 3.5 tonnes.

Category O3: Trailers with a maximum mass exceeding 3.5 tonnes but not exceeding 10 tonnes.

Category O4: Trailers with a maximum mass exceeding 10 tonnes.

Note: For further details on definition of vehicle categories and types (e.g. off-road vehicles), please see ANNEX II of the Recast Framework Directive (2007/46/EC). This document can be downloaded from the RSA website (www.rsa.ie).