

Proposal for amendments to the Regulation No. 96

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Note: Target of this proposal is to take into consideration the technical impossibility to install engines compliant with Stages IIIB and IV into some category T vehicles. These tractors are defined by the EU legislation as T2 and C2 and have a specific description that is included in the proposal. These tractors are specialised machines intended to operate in vineyards and orchards in southern (Mediterranean) Europe.

The technical impossibility means that installing Stage IIIB and Stage IV compliant engines into those tractors would imply that the dimensions and manoeuvrability of the tractors would be modified in such a way that they would not be able to perform the work for which they are designed in the vineyards and orchards.

Following the Directive 2011/87/EU of the European Parliament and Council¹ to delay by 3 years Stages IIIB and IV for these tractors, a similar proposal is now put forward for the amendment of Regulation N. 96.

¹ OJ L 311 18.11.2011

I. Proposal

Add new paragraph 11.19 to read (including footnote 1):

“11.19. By derogation to the provisions stipulated in paragraphs 11.14. to 11.16, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall postpone each date mentioned in the above paragraphs for three years in respect of category T vehicles defined as follows: tractors with a maximum design speed of not more than 40 km/h, with a minimum track width of less than 1150 mm, with an unladen mass, in running order, of more than 600 kg and with a ground clearance of not more than 600 mm. However, where the height of the centre of gravity of the tractor (2) (measured in relation to the ground) divided by the average minimum track for each axle exceeds 0.90, the maximum design speed is restricted to 30 km/h. 1”

1/ this definition is in conformity with the one given in Annex 2 Chapter A of Directive 2003/37/EC for T2 and C2 tractors.