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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council Decision on the position of the European Community on the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of motor vehicle headlamps emitting an asymmetrical passing beam or a driving beam or both and equipped with filament lamps

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(Submitted by the Commission on 7 January 1999)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the assent of the European Parliament,

Having regard to Council Decision 97/836/EC of 27 November 1997 with a view to accession by the European Community to the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted to and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions⁽¹⁾ in particular the second indent of Article 4(2) thereof,

(1) Whereas, when a draft Regulation of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, to be annexed to the 1958 Revised Agreement, is submitted for a vote to the Administrative Committee set up pursuant to the provisions of Article 1(2) of the abovementioned Agreement, that draft must be approved by the Council before the Community can vote in favour of adopting such a draft Regulation;

- (2) Whereas that draft Regulation concerning the approval of motor vehicle headlamps emitting an asymmetrical passing beam or a driving beam or both and equipped with filament lamps will abolish the technical barriers to trade in motor vehicles between the Contracting Parties as regards motor vehicle headlamps emitting an asymmetrical passing beam or a driving beam or both and equipped with filament lamps; whereas the uniform provisions of the said Regulation ensure a high level of safety and environmental protection;
- (3) Whereas that Regulation will be incorporated in the system for the type-approval of vehicles and will therefore supplement the Community legislation in force,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Sole Article

The European Community shall vote in favour of the draft UN/ECE Regulation concerning the approval of motor vehicle headlamps emitting an asymmetrical passing beam or a driving beam or both and equipped with filament lamps, as set out in document TRANS/WP.29/1998/41, during the vote at the meeting of the Administrative Committee on 10 March 1999 on the occasion of the 117th meeting of the Working Party on Vehicle Construction of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe or, where appropriate, if it is submitted for voting at a subsequent meeting.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 78.