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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO₂ Emissions Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2004

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The Secretary of State for Transport, being a Minister designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to measures relating to the reduction of emissions of pollutants from internal combustion engines, in exercise of the powers conferred by that section, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO₂ Emissions Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 and shall come into force on 24th July 2004.

Preliminary

2. The Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO₂ Emissions Information) Regulations 2001(c), shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

Application

3. In regulation 4, for “Council Directive 92/61/EEC of 30th June 1992” there shall be substituted “Directive 2002/24/EC of 18th March 2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council(d)”.

Dealers’ duty in respect of a poster or display

4. For regulation 8(2) there shall be substituted—

“(2) A poster or display for the purposes of paragraph (1) shall comply with the requirements specified in Schedule 3.”

Requirements for posters and displays

5. For Schedule 3 there shall be substituted the following Schedule—

(a) S.I. 1998/745.
(b) 1972 c. 68.
(c) S.I. 2001/3523.
(d) O.J. L.124, 9.5.2002, p.1.

REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTERS AND DISPLAYS

1. The minimum dimensions of one surface of the poster or display, containing information shall be 70 centimetres by 50 centimetres.

2. The information contained in the poster or display shall be easy to read.

3. In a display which includes provision of information on an electronic screen, the minimum dimensions of the surface of the screen shall be 25 centimetres by 32 centimetres and the information may be shown using scroll techniques.

4.—(1) The passenger car models shall be grouped according to fuel type and listed separately.

(2) Within each fuel type, models shall be ranked in order of increasing CO₂ emissions, with the model with the lowest official fuel consumption placed at the top of the list.

(3) For each passenger car model in the list, information shall be given as to the make, the numerical value of the official fuel consumption and the official specific emissions of CO₂.

(4) The value of the official fuel consumption shall be expressed in either litres per 100 kilometres (l/100 km), kilometres per litre (km/l), or an appropriate combination of these, and be quoted to one decimal place.

(5) The official specific emissions of CO₂ shall be quoted to the nearest whole number in grams per kilometre (g/km).

(6) Values may be expressed in gallons and miles to the extent compatible with the provisions of Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws relating to units of measurement^(a).

5. The poster or display shall contain the following text—

(a) “A guide on fuel economy and CO₂ emissions which contains data for all new passenger car models is available at any point of sale free of charge.”; and

(b) “In addition to the fuel efficiency of a car, driving behaviour as well as other non-technical factors play a role in determining a car's fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions. CO₂ is the main greenhouse gas responsible for global warming.”;

and in the case of a display where information is provided on an electronic screen the text must be permanently visible.

6.—(1) The poster or display shall be updated at least every six months.

(2) Where information is provided on an electronic screen, that information shall be updated at least every three months.

7. Where the display is effected entirely by an electronic screen, the screen shall be presented in such a way that it attracts the awareness of the consumer at least with the same intensity as a poster or non-electronic display would have achieved.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

29th June 2004

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(a) O.J. L39, 15.2.1980, p.40, as amended by Directive 85/1/EEC (O.J. L2, 3.1.1985, p.11.) and Directive 89/617/EEC (O.J. L357, 7.12.89, p.28.).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations transpose Commission Directive 2003/73/EC (which amends Annex III to Directive 1999/94/EC) by amending the Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO₂ Emissions Information) Regulations 2001. *Regulations 4 and 5* introduce a new Schedule 3 which allows for the information required in car showrooms under the 2001 regulations to be displayed on an electronic screen. *Regulation 3* substitutes a reference to a revoked Directive with a reference to the replacement Directive.

Regulations 4 and 5 transpose Article 1 of the Commission Directive. Article 1 is the only substantive provision requiring transposition.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.

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