

ANNEX IV

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE COMPETENCE, TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF INSPECTORS

1. Competence

Before authorising an applicant for a position as inspector to carry out periodic roadworthiness tests, Member States or competent authorities shall verify that that person:

- (a) has a certified knowledge and understanding relevant for road vehicles in the following areas:
- mechanics;
 - dynamics;
 - vehicle dynamics;
 - combustion engines;
 - material and material processing;
 - electronics;
 - electrics;
 - electronic vehicle components;
 - IT applications;
- (b) has at least three years of documented experience or equivalent, such as documented mentorship or studies, and appropriate training in the road vehicle field set out above.

2. Initial and refresher training

Member States or competent authorities shall ensure that inspectors receive the appropriate initial and refresher training or undergo appropriate examination, including in theoretical and practical elements, to enable them to be authorised to carry out roadworthiness tests.

The minimum contents of the initial and refresher training or appropriate examination shall include the following topics:

(a) Initial training or appropriate examination

The initial training provided by the Member State or by an authorised training centre of the Member State shall cover at least the following topics:

- (i) vehicle technology:
- braking systems,
 - steering systems,
 - fields of vision,
 - light installation, lighting equipment and electronic components,
 - axles, wheels and tyres,
 - chassis and bodywork,
 - nuisance and emissions,
 - additional requirements for special vehicles,
- (ii) testing methods;
- (iii) assessment of deficiencies;
- (iv) legal requirements applicable on the vehicle condition for approval;

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- (v) legal requirements relating to roadworthiness testing;
 - (vi) administrative provisions relating to vehicle approval, registration and roadworthiness testing;
 - (vii) IT applications relating to testing and administration.
- (b) Refresher training or appropriate examination

Member States shall ensure that inspectors regularly receive refresher training or undergo an appropriate examination provided or set by the Member State or by an authorised training centre of the Member State.

Member States shall ensure that the contents of the refresher training or appropriate examination enable inspectors to maintain and refresh the requisite knowledge and skills in relation to the topics referred to in point (a), (i) to (vii) above.

3. Certificate of competence

The certificate or equivalent documentation issued to an inspector authorised to carry out roadworthiness tests shall include at least the following information:

- identification of the inspector (first name, surname);
- vehicle categories for which the inspector is authorised to carry out roadworthiness tests;
- name of the issuing authority;
- date of issue.