

Council Directive of 20 March 1970 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on measures to be taken against air pollution by emissions from motor vehicles (70/220/EEC) (repealed)

[^{F1}Article 1

For the purposes of this Directive:

- (a) ‘vehicle’ means any vehicle as defined in Annex II Section A to Directive 70/156/EEC;
- (b) ‘a vehicle fuelled by LPG or NG’ means a vehicle fitted with specific equipment for the use of LPG or NG in its propulsion system. Such an LPG or NG vehicle can be designed and constructed as a mono-fuel vehicle or a bi-fuel vehicle;
- (c) ‘a mono-fuel vehicle’ means a vehicle that is designed primarily for permanent running on LPG or NG but may also have a petrol system for emergency purposes or starting only, where the petrol tank does not contain more than 15 litres of petrol;
- (d) ‘a bi-fuel vehicle’ means a vehicle that can run part-time on petrol and also part-time on either LPG or NG.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Commission Directive 2002/80/EC of 3 October 2002 adapting to technical progress Council Directive 70/220/EEC relating to measures to be taken against air pollution by emissions from motor vehicles \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

Article 2

No Member State may refuse to grant EEC type approval or national type approval of a vehicle on grounds relating to air pollution by gases from positive-ignition engines of motor vehicles:

- from 1 October 1970, where that vehicle satisfies both the requirements contained in Annex I, with the exception of those in items 3.2.1.1 and 3.2.2.1, and the requirements contained in Annexes II, IV, V and VI;
- from 1 October 1971, where that vehicle satisfies, in addition, the requirements contained in items 3.2.1.1 and 3.2.2.1 of Annex I and in Annex III.

[^{F2}Article 2a

No Member State may refuse or prohibit the sale or registration, entry into service or use of a vehicle on grounds relating to air pollution by gases from positive-ignition engines of motor vehicles if that vehicle satisfies the requirements set out in Annexes I, II, III, IV, V and VI.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties](#).

Status: EU Directives are being published on this site to aid cross referencing from UK legislation. After IP completion day (31 December 2020 11pm) no further amendments will be applied to this version.

Article 3

1 On application being made by a manufacturer or his authorised representative, the competent authorities of the Member State concerned shall complete the sections of the communication provided for in Annex VII. A copy of that communication shall be sent to the other Member States and to the applicant. Other Member States which are requested to grant national type approval for the same type of vehicle shall accept that document as proof that the tests provided for have been carried out.

2 The provisions of paragraph 1 shall be revoked as soon as the Council Directive of 6 February 1970 on the type approval of motor vehicles and their trailers enters into force.

Article 4

The Member State which has granted type approval shall take the necessary measures to ensure that it is informed of any modification of a part or characteristic referred to in item 1.1 of Annex I. The competent authorities of that Member State shall determine whether fresh tests should be carried out on the modified prototype and whether a fresh report should be drawn up. Where such tests reveal failure to comply with the requirements of this Directive, the modification shall not be approved.

Article 5

The amendments necessary for adjusting the requirements of [^{F3}Annexes I to XI] so as to take account of technical progress shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 13 of the Council Directive of 6 February 1970 on the type approval of motor vehicles and their trailers.

Textual Amendments

- F3** Substituted by [Directive 98/69/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 1998 relating to measures to be taken against air pollution by emissions from motor vehicles and amending Council Directive 70/220/EEC](#).

Article 6

1 Member States shall adopt provisions containing the requirements needed in order to comply with this Directive before 30 June 1970 and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

2 Member States shall ensure that they communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 7

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.