

Regulation (EU) No 540/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on the sound level of motor vehicles and of replacement silencing systems, and amending Directive 2007/46/EC and repealing Directive 70/157/EEC (Text with EEA relevance)

*Article 4*

**General obligations of Member States**

1 Subject to the dates of phases of application set out in Annex III to this Regulation and without prejudice to Article 23 of Directive 2007/46/EC, Member States shall refuse, on grounds relating to the permissible sound level, to grant EU type-approval in respect of a type of motor vehicle which does not comply with the requirements of this Regulation.

2 From 1 July 2016, Member States shall refuse, on grounds relating to the permissible sound level, to grant EU type-approval in respect of a type of replacement silencing system, or components thereof, as a separate technical unit which does not comply with the requirements of this Regulation.

Member States shall continue to grant EU type-approval, under the terms of Directive 70/157/EEC, to a replacement silencing system, or components thereof, as a separate technical unit intended for vehicles type-approved before the dates of phases of application set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

3 Subject to the dates of phases of application set out in Annex III to this Regulation, Member States shall, on grounds relating to the permissible sound level, consider certificates of conformity for new vehicles to be no longer valid for the purposes of Article 26 of Directive 2007/46/EC, and shall prohibit the registration, sale and entry into service of such vehicles where such vehicles do not comply with this Regulation.

4 Member States shall permit, on grounds relating to the permissible sound level, the sale and entry into service of a replacement silencing system, or components thereof, as a separate technical unit, if it conforms to a type in respect of which a EU type-approval has been granted in accordance with this Regulation.

Member States shall permit the sale and entry into service of replacement silencing systems, or components thereof, holding an EU type-approval as a separate technical unit under the terms of Directive 70/157/EEC intended for vehicles type-approved before the dates of phases of application set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Regulation (EU) No 540/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Art. 4 heading words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 4 words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 4(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(5\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 4(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(5\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 4(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(5\)\(d\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 4(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(5\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 4(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(5\)\(e\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 4(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(5\)\(e\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 4(4) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(5\)\(f\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 4(4) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(5\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions**

- Signature words omitted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(10\)](#)
- Annex 7 s. 1 words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(7\)](#)
- Annex 8 s. 3.5 words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(8\)](#)
- Annex 4 s. 1 words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(5\)](#)
- Annex 9 Appendix 3 image substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(9\)\(n\)\(i\)](#)
- Annex 9 Appendix 1 point 1.5 word substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(9\)\(k\)](#)
- Annex 9 Appendix 2 Addendum word substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(9\)\(l\)](#)
- Annex 9 Appendix 3 image words omitted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(9\)\(n\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 9 Appendix 2 notes words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(9\)\(m\)](#)
- Annex 6 s. 3 words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(6\)](#)
- Annex 1 Appendix 2 heading word substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(2\)\(j\)\(i\)](#)
- Annex 1 Appendix 2 Addendum word substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(2\)\(l\)](#)
- Annex 1 Appendix 2 words inserted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(2\)\(j\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 1 Appendix 1 heading words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(2\)\(i\)\(i\)](#)
- Annex 1 Appendix 1 point 9(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(2\)\(i\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 1 Appendix 2 notes words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 76\(2\)\(k\)\(i\)](#)
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- Art. 3(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 3(5) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 3(21) word substituted by [S.I. 2022/1273 reg. 75\(4\)\(d\)](#)