# COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 November 1996

**concerning requests for exemption submitted by Belgium pursuant to Article 8 (2) (c) of Council Directive 70/156/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers**

**(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)**

(96/680/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 70/156/EEC of 6 February 1970 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers [1], as last amended by Directive 96/27/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council [2], and in particular Article 8 (2) (c) thereof,

Whereas the requests submitted by Belgium on 22 May 1996, which reached the Commission on 24 May 1996, contains the information required by Article 8 (2) (c); whereas the requests concern, respectively, the fitting of two types of vehicle and the eleven variants thereof with two types of third stop lamp and the fitting of one type of vehicle with one type of third stop lamp falling within category ECE S3 by virtue of ECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) Regulation No 7 and fitted in accordance with ECE Regulation No 48;

Whereas the reasons given in the requests, according to which the fitting of the stop lamps and the stop lamps themselves do not meet the requirements of Council Directive 76/758/EEC of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to end-outline marker lamps, front position (side) lamps, rear position (side) lamps and stop lamps for motor vehicles and their trailers [3], as last amended by Commission Directive 89/516/EEC [4], or of Council Directive 76/756/EEC of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the installation of lighting and light-signalling devices on motor vehicles and their trailers [5], as last amended by Commission Directive 91/663/EEC [6] are well founded; whereas the descriptions of the tests, the results thereof and their compliance with ECE Regulations No 7 and No 48 ensure a satisfactory level of safety;

Whereas the Community Directives concerned will be amended in order to permit the production and fitting of such stop lamps;

Whereas the measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on adaptation to technical progress set up by Directive 70/156/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The requests submitted by Belgium for an exemption concerning the production and fitting of two types of third stop lamp on the one hand and one type of third stop lamp on the other falling within category ECE S3 by virtue of ECE Regulation No 7 and fitted in accordance with ECE Regulation No 48 is hereby approved.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 18 November 1996.

*For the Commission*

Martin BANGEMANN

*Member of the Commission*

---

[1] OJ No L 42, 23. 2. 1970, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 169, 8. 7. 1996, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 262, 27. 9. 1976, p. 54.
[4] OJ No L 265, 12. 9. 1989, p. 1.
[5] OJ No L 262, 27. 9. 1976, p. 1.
[6] OJ No L 366, 31. 12. 1991, p. 17.