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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and

Transport

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 270/78) for a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating

- to headlamps which function as main-beam and/or dipped-beam headlamps and to incandescent electric filament lamps for such headlamps
- to end-outline marker lamps
- to front position (side) lamps
- to rear position (side) and stop lamps
- to direction indicator lamps
- to reflex reflectors
- to the rear registration plate lamps
- to front fog lamps and filament lamps for such lamps
- to rear fog lamps
- to reversing lamps
- to parking lamps

for wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors

Rapporteur: Mr C. McDONALD

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By letter of 22 August 1978, the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament pursuant to Article 100(2) of the EEC Treaty to deliver an opinion on the proposal of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating

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The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion.

On 26 October 1978, the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport appointed Mr McDonald rapporteur. It considered this proposal at its meeting of 27 November 1978 when the motion for a resolution was adopted unanimously.

Present : Lord Bruce of Donington, Chairman ; Mr Nyborg, Vice-chairman ; Mr McDonald, Vice-chairman and rapporteur ; Mr Albers, Mr Brosnan, Mr Brugger, Mr Corrie, Mr Delmotte, Mr Fuchs, Mr Hoffmann, Mr Ibrügger, Mr Kavanagh, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Mr Ligios, Mr Mascagni, Mr Schyns, Mr Seefeld, Mr Starke, Mr Tolman.

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs declined to give an opinion.

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A.

The Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport hereby submits to the European Parliament the following Motion for a Resolution together with explanatory statement

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,

¹ OJ No. C 200, 22.8.1978, p.8

- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 270/78),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 559/78),

approves the Commission's proposal.

B.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The present proposal is consequential on the Council directive of 4 March 1974 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors to be applied in respect of each type of tractor¹.
2. The proposal provides that no Member State may refuse to grant EEC type-approval or national type-approval to agricultural or forestry tractors conforming to certain standards concerning their headlamps and other lamps, including direction indicators.
3. Equally the Commission's proposal provides that no Member State may refuse the registration or prohibit the sale of such tractors if their lamps conform to the necessary standards.
4. These standards are those which are set out in the Annex to the Commission's proposal and are ones which have already been approved in a series of directives which related to motor vehicles and their trailers.
5. The Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport considers that the European Parliament should endorse the proposed directive without amendment.

¹ OJ No. L 84, 28.3.1974, p. 10

Brussels, 27 September 1978

Committee on Economic
and Monetary Affairs

- The Chairman -

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Lord BRUCE OF DONINGTON
Chairman of the Committee on
Regional Policy, Regional
Planning and Transport
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
L U X E M B O U R G

Dear Mr Chairman,

At its meeting of 25 and 26 September 1978, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs considered the proposal for a Council directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the different lights for wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors (Doc. COM(78) 380 final).

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs has always considered the progressive elimination of technical barriers to trade to be essential for the creation of a true internal market. However, in the present instance, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs felt that the extension to wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors of the measures to approximate the laws, already in force for other motor vehicles, on which it had already delivered an opinion in the past¹, did not call for any special observations. It has instructed me therefore to inform you of its decision not to give an opinion on the reference document.

Yours sincerely,

Edgar PISANI

¹ See LANGE opinion, Doc. 364/74 and Doc. 44/74