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Mobile machines: how to achieve a single European system of rules for travelling on public roads

Industry presents joint proposals for upcoming Commission proposal

Brussels, 13 June 2017 – The European Commission has a unique chance to close a long-standing and costly gap in the EU's Internal Market by creating a harmonised system of rules for mobile machines travelling on public roads.

The major objective of the upcoming Commission proposal (expected for 2018) must be to create one single approval system for mobile machines – such as excavators, combine harvesters, tele-handlers or ride-on lawnmowers – which will authorise them for road use across the entire EU without imposing further costly and cumbersome national technical requirements.

This is the core demand of the joint proposals presented today by the European producers of mobile machines ahead of a workshop to be held on 14 June in Brussels, during which the European Commission, Member States, industry and stakeholder organisations will discuss different options for harmonisation.

Currently, to be allowed on public roads, mobile machines still need to be authorised in each and every EU Member State. They must be considered as compliant with each piece of applicable national legislation in terms of e.g. weight, width, lighting, signalling or braking of the machine, presenting an unnecessary, cumbersome and costly burden for producers and users alike. In 2014, the European Commission therefore committed itself to developing the necessary legislative proposal by this year.

One single approval in all Member States

The industry, represented by the European associations CECE (construction equipment), CEMA (agricultural machinery), EGMF (garden equipment), EUnited Municipal Equipment and FEM (materials handling equipment) welcomes and supports the initiative. In their proposals, the associations describe their preferences with respect to important elements of the new legislation.

The paper also includes suggestions on how an approval procedure could look like by minimising bureaucracy and using existing relevant legislation or harmonised standards. The associations

have also defined columns with safety aspects relevant to mobile machinery, each one with a distinct procedure to verify the compliance of mobile machinery with the technical requirements.

Harmonisation improves competitiveness of the industry and its many SMEs

European harmonisation of the rules would relieve manufacturers of mobile machinery - and especially the many SMEs – of unnecessary administrative and economic burdens, thus creating a level playing field for manufacturers and customers alike. Current multiple testing and third-party certifications generate additional workload and considerable delays in the introduction of new machines. Their elimination would help save costs and improve competitiveness whilst fostering innovation.

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[Link to Joint Position Paper](#)

About the associations involved:

CECE, the Committee of European Construction Equipment is the recognised organisation representing the European construction equipment and related industries. CECE is a European network consisting of a secretariat in Brussels and national association offices in 13 different European countries. The industry behind CECE counts around 1200 companies that employ 300,000 people directly and indirectly. Their annual revenues amount to ca 40 billion euros. www.cece.eu

CEMA is the European association representing the agricultural machinery industry. In the agricultural machinery sector, there are some 4,500 manufacturers, that generated a turnover of around €26 billion in 2014. 135,000 people work in this sector and a further 12, 000 people work in distribution and maintenance. The companies are mainly small and medium-sized manufacturers. The sector covers around 450 different machine types. www.cema-agri.org

EGMF. The European Garden Machinery Industry Federation – EGMF – has been the voice of the entire garden machinery industry in Europe since 1977. With 30 European corporate members and 7 National Associations representing manufacturers of garden, landscaping, forestry and turf maintenance equipment, EGMF has the most powerful network in this sector in Europe. www.egmf.org

EUnited Municipal Equipment is the European Association of Municipal Equipment Manufacturers. The association represents the leading manufacturers of mobile machines used in municipalities and other public areas. www.eu-nited.net/municipalequipment

FEM. Created in 1953, the European Materials Handling Federation represents, defends and promotes European manufacturers of materials handling, lifting and storage equipment. FEM speaks for 15 members representing some 1,000 companies (mostly SMEs) employing 160,000 people directly and with an annual turnover of more than €50 billion. www.fem-eur.com