

Regulation (EU) No 167/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 February 2013 on the approval and market surveillance of agricultural and forestry vehicles (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER IV

**EU TYPE-APPROVAL PROCEDURES**

*Article 20*

**Procedures for EU type-approval**

1 When applying for a whole-vehicle type-approval, the manufacturer may choose one of the following procedures:

- a step-by-step type-approval;
- b single-step type-approval;
- c mixed type-approval.

In addition, the manufacturer may choose multi-stage type-approval.

Only the single-step type-approval procedure is applicable for the type-approval of systems, components or separate technical units.

2 Step-by-step type-approval shall consist of the step-by-step collection of the whole set of EU type-approval certificates for the systems, components and separate technical units forming part of the vehicle, and which leads, at the final stage, to the whole-vehicle type approval.

3 Single-step type-approval shall consist of the approval of a vehicle as a whole by means of a single operation.

4 Mixed type-approval is a step-by-step type-approval procedure for which one or more system approvals are achieved during the final stage of the approval of the whole vehicle, without it being necessary to issue the EU type-approval certificates for those systems.

5 In a multi-stage type-approval procedure, one or more approval authorities certify that, depending on the state of completion, an incomplete or completed type of vehicle satisfies the relevant administrative provisions and technical requirements of this Regulation.

Multi-stage type-approval shall be granted in respect of a type of incomplete or completed vehicle which conforms to the particulars in the information folder provided for in Article 22 and which meets the technical requirements laid down in the relevant acts listed in Annex I, having regard to the state of completion of the vehicle.

6 The type-approval for the final stage of completion shall be granted only after the approval authority has verified that the vehicle type-approved at the final stage meets at that time all applicable technical requirements. That shall include a documentary check of all requirements covered by a type-approval for an incomplete vehicle granted in the course of a multistage procedure, even where granted for a different (sub)category of vehicle.

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7 The choice of approval procedure shall not affect the applicable substantive requirements with which the approved vehicle type has to comply at the time of issuing of the whole-vehicle type-approval.

8 The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 71 concerning detailed arrangements with regard to type-approval procedures. The first such delegated acts shall be adopted by 31 December 2014.

#### *Article 21*

### **Application for type-approval**

1 The manufacturer shall submit the application for type-approval to the approval authority.

2 Only one application may be submitted in respect of a particular type of vehicle, system, component or separate technical unit and it may be submitted in only one Member State.

3 A separate application shall be submitted for each type to be approved.

#### *Article 22*

### **Information folder**

1 The applicant shall provide the approval authority with an information folder.

2 The information folder shall include the following:

- a an information document;
- b all data, drawings, photographs and other information;
- c for vehicles, an indication of the procedure(s) chosen in accordance with Article 20(1);
- d any additional information requested by the approval authority in the context of the application procedure.

3 The information folder may be supplied on paper or in an electronic format that is accepted by the technical service and by the approval authority.

4 The Commission shall lay down templates for the information document and for the information folder by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 69(2). The first such implementing acts shall be adopted by 31 December 2014.

#### *Article 23*

### **Specific requirements for information to be provided in the application for type-approval under different procedures**

1 An application for step-by-step type-approval shall be accompanied by an information folder in accordance with Article 22 and by the complete set of type-approval certificates required pursuant to each of the applicable acts listed in Annex I.

In the case of the type-approval of a system, component or separate technical unit, pursuant to the applicable acts listed in Annex I, the approval authority shall have access

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to the related information folder until such time as the approval is either issued or refused.

2 An application for single-step type-approval shall be accompanied by an information folder provided for in Article 22 containing the relevant information in accordance with the implementing acts adopted pursuant to this Regulation in relation to those applicable acts.

3 In the case of a mixed type-approval procedure, the information folder shall be accompanied by one or more type-approval certificates required pursuant to each of the applicable acts listed in Annex I and shall include, insofar as no type-approval certificate is presented, the relevant information in accordance with the implementing acts adopted pursuant to this Regulation, in relation to those applicable acts.

4 Without prejudice to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, the following information shall be supplied for the purposes of multi-stage type-approval:

- a in the first stage, those parts of the information folder and the EU type-approval certificates which are relevant to the state of completion of the base vehicle;
- b in the second and subsequent stages, those parts of the information folder and the EU type-approval certificates which are relevant to the current stage of construction, together with a copy of the EU type-approval certificate for the vehicle issued at the preceding stage of construction and full details of any changes or additions that the manufacturer has made to the vehicle.

The information specified in points (a) and (b) of the first subparagraph of this paragraph may be supplied in accordance with paragraph 3.

5 The approval authority may, by reasoned request, require the manufacturer to supply any additional information needed to enable a decision to be taken on which tests are required or to facilitate the execution of those tests.

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