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**Government Decree on the Control of Roadworthiness of Vehicles Used in Traffic
(1245/2002; amendments up to 341/2004 included)**

Section 1

Scope of application

- (1) This Decree applies to periodic inspections, surveillance inspections and technical roadside inspections of vehicles referred to in the Vehicle Act (1090/2002).
- (2) This Decree applies to military vehicles unless otherwise provided by decree of the Ministry of Defence pursuant to the Vehicle Act.

Section 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Decree,

- a) *re-inspection* means an inspection of a vehicle rejected in a periodic inspection or a surveillance inspection, carried out at the same inspection station within one month from the first inspection;
- b) *commercial vehicle* means a bus or a coach (categories M₂ and M₃), a lorry (categories N₂ and N₃) or a trailer whose total mass exceeds 3.5 tonnes (categories O₃ and O₄);
- c) *EEA country* means any country within the European Economic Area.

Section 3

Obligation concerning periodic inspections

(1) The obligation concerning periodic inspections referred to in section 51 of the Vehicle Act applies to motor vehicles (vehicles of categories M and N), light quadricycles (vehicles of category L_{6e}), quadricycles (vehicles of category L_{7e}) and trailers other than light trailers (vehicles of categories O₂, O₃ and O₄).

(2) Vehicles referred to in subsection 1 shall be submitted to a periodic inspection as follows:

category of vehicles:

periodic inspection shall be carried out:

a) buses, coaches and lorries (categories M₂, M₃, N₂ and N₃), special motor vehicles whose total mass exceeds 3.5 tonnes, passenger cars used in transport requiring permit (category M₁) and ambulances

for the first time no later than one year after the date of entry into service and subsequently annually no later than on the day equivalent to the date of entry into service

b) trailers whose total mass exceeds 3.5 tonnes (categories O₃ and O₄)

for the first time no later than one year after the date of entry into service and subsequently annually no later than on the day equivalent to the date of entry into service; however, a trailer coupled to a certain towing vehicle in a coupling inspection may be submitted to the periodic inspection at the same time as the towing vehicle

c) vans (category N₁) and special motor vehicles whose total mass does not

for the first time no later than three years after the date of entry into service and subsequently annually no later than

exceed 3.5 tonnes with the exception of ambulances on the day equivalent to the date of entry into service

d) passenger cars and vehicles of category M₁ other than ambulances used in private transport, light quadricycles (category L_{6e}) and quadricycles (category L_{7e})

for the first time three years after the date of entry into service, for the second time five years after the date of entry into service and subsequently annually no later than on the day equivalent to the date of entry into service

e) trailers whose total mass exceeds 0.75 tonnes but does not exceed 3.5 tonnes (category O₂)

for the first time by the end of the calendar year during which two years have passed since the date of entry into service and subsequently every two years by the end of the calendar year

f) vehicles of historic interest of categories subject to the inspection obligation entered into service on or after 1 January 1960

every two years by the end of June

g) vehicles of historic interest of categories subject to the inspection obligation entered into service before 1 January 1960

every four years by the end of June

(3) A registration inspection which is carried out no more than six months before the deadline for a periodic inspection referred to in section 4(1) or no more than six months after the deadline for periodic inspection confers the right to use the vehicle in traffic until the deadline of the following periodic inspection.

Section 4

Deadlines for periodic inspections

(1) A vehicle shall be submitted to a periodic inspection during the inspection period which comprises the last inspection day referred to in section 3(2)(a-d) and the preceding four months or which covers the period from the beginning of the calendar year to the last inspection day referred to in section 3(2)(e-g). However, the inspection period of buses, coaches and lorries as well as special motor vehicles whose total mass exceeds 3.5 tonnes referred to in the said paragraph a and the inspection period of trailers referred to in the said paragraph b comprises the last inspection day and the preceding six months.

(2) When there is evidence that a vehicle was temporarily withdrawn from service or kept abroad during the inspection period referred to in subsection 1 and when a certificate or other reliable evidence on the withdrawal from service or the location abroad is kept in the vehicle while driving until the periodic inspection has been carried out, the vehicle may, by way of derogation from subsection 1, be submitted to a periodic inspection no later than one month from the date of the vehicle's entry into service or importation to Finland.

(3) If the date of entry into service is not marked in the registration certificate, the vehicle shall, for the purpose of determining the time of the periodic inspection, be deemed to have been entered into service on the last day of the month indicated in the following table:

<i>last digit of the registration number</i>	<i>month of entry into service</i>
1	January
2	February

3	March
4	April
5	June
6	August
7	September
8	October
9	November
0	December

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(4) If a periodic inspection of a trailer referred to in section 3(2)(e) is neglected, a periodic inspection carried out between the beginning of January and the end of April in the year following the inspection period shall be marked as equivalent to the periodic inspection of the previous year.

Section 5

Right to use an uninspected vehicle

(1) Provisions on the prohibition of using an uninspected vehicle are laid down in sections 8 and 51 of the Vehicle Act. If a vehicle has not been approved in a periodic inspection in the period referred to in section 3 or 4, it shall not be used in traffic for purposes other than driving it to a place of inspection at a specified time or unless otherwise provided in section 14.

(2) If the use of a vehicle has been prohibited pursuant to section 75 or 85 of the Vehicle Act, the vehicle may only be used in traffic for the purpose of driving it to a place of inspection at a specified time.

Section 6 (987/2003)

Contents of periodic inspections

(1) The registration number and the vehicle identification number shall be verified in the periodic inspection for the purpose of identifying the vehicle. Technical data and other applicable data entered in the registration certificate shall be examined. The periodic inspection includes the technical inspection of the vehicle and, in the case of a motor vehicle, light quadricycle and quadricycle, the exhaust emission tests. (341/2004)

(2) The technical inspection of a vehicle serves the purposes of verifying that:

- a) the maintenance of the vehicle and its equipment complies with the relevant provisions;
- b) it is safe to use the vehicle in traffic;
- c) the vehicle does not cause any unnecessary environmental nuisances.

(3) The inspection of the vehicle shall at least cover the items set forth in Annex II of Council Directive 96/96/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers, as amended by Commission Directives 1999/52/EC, 2001/9/EC, 2001/11/EC and 2003/27/EC.

Section 7

Testing of brakes

(1) The basic testing of the brakes of a vehicle shall at least meet the requirements of Annex II(1) of the Directive referred to in section 6(3). Furthermore, a vehicle of category N₃ fitted with an anti-

lock system or brake valves adjustable according to the load and equipped for drawing a trailer of category O₃ or O₄ as well as a trailer of category O₃ or O₄ shall be submitted to a comprehensive test of brakes in accordance with the instructions issued by the Finnish Vehicle Administration in order to adjust the brakes of the combination and to determine the braking rate.

(2) On specific grounds, the inspection station may require testing of brakes of a vehicle loaded according to its orders.

Section 8 (27 November 2003/987)

Exhaust emission tests

(1) A vehicle which is fitted with a positive-ignition engine and entered into service in or after 1978 and a vehicle which is fitted with a diesel engine and entered into service in or after 1980 shall be submitted to exhaust emission tests pursuant to Annex II(8)(2) of the Directive referred to in section 6(3), having regard to exemptions laid down in this section. However, a vehicle which is fitted with a two-stroke engine or fuelled with power kerosene needs not be submitted to exhaust emission tests.

(2) The following limit values are applied to vehicles fitted with a positive-ignition engine:

<i>date of entry into service or type of engine</i>	functioning of OBD	<i>at idling speed</i>		<i>at the minimum engine speed of 2,000 rpm</i>		
		CO [%]	HC [ppm]	CO [%]	HC [ppm]	lambda
before 1 October 1986	-	4.5	1,000	-	-	-
on or after 1 October 1986	-	3.5	600	-	-	-
fitted with a three-way catalytic converter	-	0.5	100	0.3	100	1±0.03
EC type-approved in accordance with Directive 98/69/EC (EURO 3 and 4)	inspection	-	-	0.2	100	1±0.03
after 1 July 2002	inspection	-	-	0.2	100	1±0.03

(3) If the limit values declared by the manufacturer of a vehicle fitted with a three-way catalytic converter for carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon emissions at normal idling speed and the limit values for lambda at high idle speed deviate from the limit values specified in subsection 2, the limit values declared by the manufacturer shall apply and the measurement shall be carried out according to the instructions given by the manufacturer.

(4) If the manufacturer or importer of a vehicle fitted with a diesel engine has not declared a limit value for the opacity of exhaust gases produced by the engine used in the vehicle, the limit value of the coefficient of absorption shall be 2.5 m⁻¹ in the case of a naturally aspirated diesel engine and 3.0 m⁻¹ in the case of a charged diesel engine. However, the limit value shall be 7.0 Bosch units in the case of a vehicle which is entered into service before 1990 and is not type-approved in accordance with Directive 72/306/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the measures to be taken against the emission of pollutants from diesel engines for use in vehicles or E Regulation No 24. The limit value of the coefficient of absorption of the vehicle engine shall be 1,5 m⁻¹ provided that:

- a) the engine is EC type-approved into category EURO IV or EURO V referred to in Directive 1999/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to measures to be taken against the emission of gaseous and particulate pollutants from compression ignition engines for use in vehicles, and the emission of gaseous pollutants from positive ignition engines fuelled with natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas for use in vehicles and amending Council Directive 88/77/EEC;
- b) the vehicle is EC type-approved as an enhanced environmentally friendly vehicle pursuant to the Directive referred to in paragraph a;
- c) the engine is EC type-approved into category EURO 4 referred to in Council Directive 70/220/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to measures to be taken against air pollution by gases from positive-ignition engines of motor vehicles, as amended by Directive 98/69/EC;
- d) the engine is EC type-approved in accordance with subsequent amendments to the directives referred to in paragraphs a-c;
- e) the engine or the vehicle deviates from the type of equipment used in EC type-approval referred to in paragraphs a-d but its emission levels correspond to those required for EC type-approval;
- f) a vehicle not covered by paragraphs a-e has been entered into service for the first time on or after 2 July 2008.

(5) A vehicle of category M₁ or N₁ fitted with a positive-ignition engine and equipped with an on-board diagnostic (OBD) system referred to in Directive 70/220/EEC referred to in subsection 4(c), as amended by Directive 98/69/EC or subsequent amendments, shall be submitted to the inspection of the on-board system instead of the measurement of carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon emissions at idling speed.

Section 9

Control of payment of taxes and fees for vehicles

Separate provisions are laid down on the control of payment of taxes and fees for vehicles in a periodic inspection.

Section 10 (341/2004)

Suspension of a periodic inspection

(1) Provisions on the suspension of a periodic inspection are laid down in sections 52 and 55 of the Vehicle Act. A periodic inspection shall be suspended if the technical data entered in the registration certificate and in the Vehicular and Driver Data Register is not correct. In this case, the vehicle shall be ordered to be submitted to a modification inspection within one month. However, the periodic inspection needs not be suspended for the purposes of rectifying minor errors in the vehicle registration data, probably arisen during the registration procedure, and correcting data whose amendment does not require a modification inspection.

(2) A periodic inspection shall also be suspended if the communication link to the Vehicular and Driver Data Register is not available or if the inspection cannot be completed because of weather conditions or another circumstance beyond the control of the holder of the vehicle and there are no grounds for the rejection or immobilisation of the vehicle.

(3) If the inspection of a vehicle has to be suspended because of a circumstance beyond the control of the holder of the vehicle referred to in subsection 2, the vehicle may be used in traffic for a maximum period of two weeks from the end of the inspection period referred to in sections 3 and 4.

Section 11

Approval or rejection of a vehicle in a periodic inspection

(1) Provisions on the approval or rejection of a vehicle in a periodic inspection are laid down in section 54 of the Vehicle Act.

(2) In addition to the provisions of section 54 of the Vehicle Act, a vehicle shall be approved in a periodic inspection if no fault or defect listed among grounds for rejection referred to in Annex II of the Directive set forth in section 6(3) is found in it. A vehicle shall also be approved if the fault or defect found in it only causes minor danger or discomfort and the fault or defect can be repaired with a simple adjustment measure or by replacing a part. However, such fault or defect shall not be found in more than three inspected items.

Section 12

Immobilisation of a vehicle in a periodic inspection

(1) Provisions on the immobilisation of a vehicle in a periodic inspection are laid down in section 56 of the Vehicle Act.

(2) CO emissions of more than 6.0 per cent or coefficient of absorption of more than 4 m^{-1} shall be considered a significant environmental nuisance referred to in section 56(1) of the Vehicle Act.

(3) Immobilisation of a vehicle shall be indicated by a sticker which the person carrying out the inspection attaches to the windscreen or to another conspicuous place in the vehicle. The sticker shall not be removed from the vehicle until the vehicle has been approved in a periodic inspection or until the immobilisation of the vehicle due to a significant environmental nuisance has been repealed.

Section 13

Contents of re-inspections

(1) Items where faults or defects were found in a periodic inspection shall be inspected in a re-inspection.

(2) If it is suspected during a re-inspection that items other than those referred to in subsection 1 may have faults or defects requiring the vehicle to be immobilised pursuant to section 56 of the Vehicle Act or section 12 of this Decree, such items shall also be inspected during the re-inspection.

Section 14 (545/2003)

Right to use a vehicle rejected in a periodic inspection

(1) If a vehicle submitted to an inspection during the inspection period referred to in sections 3 and 4 is rejected in a periodic inspection without being immobilised, the vehicle may be used in traffic for a maximum period of two months from the date of rejection but at least until the end of the inspection period referred to in the said sections. However, faults and defects which were found in the vehicle and gave rise to the rejection shall be repaired as soon as possible. If the vehicle is not approved in a re-inspection or a periodic inspection during the period referred to above, the vehicle may only be used in traffic for the purpose of driving it, following repair, to a place of inspection at a specified time.

(2) The inspection station may grant a vehicle immobilised in a periodic inspection or a vehicle rejected in an inspection after the inspection period referred to in sections 3 and 4 a certificate which confers the right to drive the vehicle to the nearest place where repair can be carried out in an

appropriate way and, following repair, to the place where another inspection takes place. It shall be specified in the certificate where and how the vehicle may be driven and how long the certificate is valid.

Section 15

Certificates concerning periodic inspections

(1) The approval of a vehicle in a periodic inspection, the inspection station which granted the approval and the date of approval shall be entered in part I (technical part) of the registration certificate. Furthermore, minor faults and defects referred to in section 11(2) which did not give rise to the rejection of the vehicle in a periodic inspection as well as deadline for repairing these faults and defects shall be entered in the registration certificate. Immobilisation of the vehicle and repeal thereof shall also be entered in the registration certificate. The person carrying out the periodic inspection shall confirm this data with his or her signature. (341/2004)

(2) Following the periodic inspection, a control card shall be issued, indicating at least main categories of items set forth in Annex II of the Directive referred to in section 6(3) and possible faults and defects found therein. The approval, rejection and immobilisation of a vehicle as well as the suspension of an inspection shall be entered in the control card. Furthermore, data referred to in the instructions issued by the Finnish Vehicle Administration shall be entered in the control card. A duplicate of the control card or a control card corresponding to the contents of the inspection shall be given to the person who submitted the vehicle to the inspection.

(3) Upon request, an international inspection certificate complying with Annex 2 of the Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspections (Treaty Series of the Statute Book of Finland 35/2001) shall be given to the owner or holder of a bus, coach or lorry whose total mass exceeds 3.5 tonnes or to the person who submitted such a vehicle to the inspection. The Finnish Vehicle Administration or an inspection station other than the one which inspected the vehicle shall also be obliged to give such a certificate.

Section 16 (1118/2003)

Data on a periodic inspection to be entered in the register

The inspection station shall enter the data referred to in section 19 of Government Decree on Data in the Vehicular and Driver Data Register (1116/2003) in the register.

Section 17

Place for exhaust emission tests and inspections of braking systems, couplings and speed limitation devices

(1) Under the conditions laid down in subsection 2, a garage or another place (hereafter 'place of inspection') which has sufficient equipment for inspections as well as competent and proficient personnel to carry out inspections may carry out the following inspections:

- a) exhaust emission test;
- b) inspection of the performance and brake power of the compressed-air or electrical braking system of a vehicle or a vehicle combination and related inspection of brake coordination;
- c) inspection of a coupling intended for towing a trailer;
- d) inspection of the functionality of a speed limitation device.

(2) Prior to starting operations, the place of inspection carrying out exhaust emission tests and inspections of couplings and speed limitation devices shall submit a notification to the Finnish

Vehicle Administration which controls the implementation of the inspections. An inspection referred to in subsection 1(b) may only be carried out by a place of inspection which is a holder of an A permit referred to in section 3 of the Government Decree on the Sales, Installation and Repairation of Traffic Equipment (1247/2002).

(3) Following inspection referred to in subsection 1, a certificate indicating the outcome of the inspection, with signature and its clarification, shall be given; this certificate shall be produced during the roadworthiness test. The certificate shall also contain at least vehicle identification data, data on the place of inspection, the date and the inspector's signature. A certificate of an exhaust emission test shall also indicate the engine speeds used during the measurement. If the exhaust emission test or the inspection of compressed-air brakes or speed limitation device was carried out more than three months before the roadworthiness test or was not carried out at all, it shall be carried out during the roadworthiness test. If the Finnish Vehicle Administration has decided pursuant to section 2(3) of the Act on Licences for Roadworthiness Test for Vehicles (1099/1998) that inspections carried out by the place of inspection are not accepted, a certificate given by the place of inspection is not considered acceptable.

(4) During a roadworthiness test, it is possible to carry out exhaust emission tests, inspections of compressed-air or electrical braking systems and inspections of the functionality of speed limitation devices for the purpose of verifying the measurements or inspections carried out by the place of inspection whereupon the inspection carried out during the roadworthiness test shall be decisive. During a roadworthiness test, it is also possible to inspect the functionality of a coupling intended for towing a trailer.

Section 18

Surveillance inspection

(1) In addition to the provisions on the surveillance inspection in sections 75 and 85 of the Vehicle Act, provisions in sections 6–15 of this Decree shall apply to the surveillance inspection. However, sections 52 and 55 of the Vehicle Act referred to in section 10 shall not apply to the surveillance inspection. A police officer, a customs officer or a frontier guard officer may determine the items to be inspected in the surveillance inspection. Imposition of a surveillance inspection shall be entered in the registration certificate. Following the surveillance inspection, the inspection station shall enter data on the immobilisation of a vehicle in the Vehicular and Driver Data Register. (341/2004)

(2) A vehicle shall be rejected in a surveillance inspection if it cannot be reliably identified.

(3) A surveillance inspection shall not replace a periodic inspection. If a vehicle ordered to a surveillance inspection may be submitted to a periodic inspection pursuant to section 3 or 4, the approval of the vehicle in a periodic inspection shall replace the surveillance inspection.

Section 19 (987/2003)

Technical roadside inspection

(1) Technical roadside inspection of a vehicle may include one or more of the following inspections:

- a) visual inspection of the maintenance of a standing vehicle;
- b) inspection of documents indicating the technical maintenance of a vehicle, the inspections carried out and the compliance with other provisions;
- c) inspection of the technical maintenance of a vehicle.

(2) Provisions of section 4 and Annexes I and II of Directive 2000/30/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the technical roadside inspection of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles circulating in the Community – Annexes as amended by Directive 2003/26/EC – shall apply to an inspection referred to in subsection 1(c). If the driver produces the latest certificate of periodic inspection and a recent technical roadside inspection report, the person carrying the technical roadside inspection shall take these into consideration. Furthermore, the person carrying out the technical roadside inspection may take other certificates indicating the maintenance of the vehicle produced by the driver into consideration. If a certificate or a report proves that an item has been inspected during the preceding three months, the item shall not be re-inspected without a reasonable ground.

(3) If a police officer, a customs officer or a frontier guard officer has determined a deadline for repairing a defect found in the vehicle pursuant to section 84(1) of the Vehicle Act, the defect and the deadline shall be entered in the registration certificate. (341/2004)

Section 20

Technical roadside inspection report

(1) A report given to the driver of a commercial vehicle shall at least indicate the items referred to in Annex I of the Directive referred to in section 19(2).

(2) The Finnish Vehicle Administration shall establish the form to be used for reports referred to in subsection 1 and shall ensure the availability of these forms to persons carrying out technical roadside inspections.

Section 21 (341/2004)

Prevention of the use of uninspected and defective vehicles

(1) If a police officer, a customs officer or a frontier guard officer has prevented the traffic use of a vehicle whose construction, equipment or maintenance does not meet the stipulated requirements or of an uninspected vehicle and has immobilised the vehicle pursuant to section 84 of the Vehicle Act, he or she shall enter data on the immobilisation in the registration certificate. The registration certificate or the registration plates seized by an authority shall be submitted to the inspection station stated by the owner or holder of the vehicle, and the inspection station shall immediately enter data on the immobilisation in the Vehicular and Driver Data Register or notify it to the Finnish Vehicle Administration. Following approval of the vehicle in an inspection, the registration certificate and the registration plates shall be returned to the owner or holder of the vehicle, if there is no other ground referred to in section 84 of the Vehicle Act due to which the registration certificate and the registration plates have been removed or may be removed pursuant to the said section 84. The inspection station shall enter the expiry of the immobilisation in the registration certificate and in the Vehicular and Driver Data Register or notify the expiry of the immobilisation to the Finnish Vehicle Administration.

(2) If the use of a vehicle has been prevented pursuant to subsection 1, a police officer, a customs officer or a frontier guard officer may grant a certificate which confers the right to drive the vehicle to be stored or repaired in the nearest place where repair can be carried out in an appropriate way and, following repair, to the place of inspection. It shall be specified in the certificate where and how the vehicle may be driven and how long the certificate is valid.

(3) If the registration certificate or the registration plates seized by an authority pursuant to subsection 1 are not collected from the inspection station within six months from the date of

seizure, the regulations of the Finnish Vehicle Administration on the registration certificate and the registration plates shall apply.

Section 22

Exchange of information and other co-operation related to technical roadside inspections

(1) The police, the National Board of Customs and the Finnish Frontier Guard shall notify serious faults and defects in a commercial vehicle registered or entered into service in the Province of Åland or in an EEA country other than Finland to the Finnish Vehicle Administration.

(2) The Finnish Vehicle Administration, the police, the National Board of Customs, the Finnish Frontier Guard and the inspection stations carrying out inspections shall agree on the compilation of statistics related to technical roadside inspections and on the submittal of information other than that referred to in subsection 1 to the Finnish Vehicle Administration.

(3) The Finnish Vehicle Administration shall submit the information referred to in Article 6 of the Directive referred to in section 19(2) to the Commission and the information referred to in section 7(1) to the EEA countries.

Section 23 (545/2003)

Inspection required for vehicles registered abroad and in the Province of Åland

(1) A vehicle registered or entered into service in the Province of Åland or in an EEA country other than Finland shall be inspected in accordance with the Directive set forth in section 6(3) if the vehicle is used in traffic in Finland.

(2) A vehicle registered or entered into service in a non-EEA signatory state of the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention on Road Traffic (Treaty Series of the Statute Book of Finland 32/1986) and of the agreement referred to in section 15(3) shall be inspected in accordance with the said agreements and the standards annexed to the agreement referred to in section 15(3) if the vehicle is used in traffic in Finland.

Section 24

Penal provision

Provisions on penalties for causing a traffic hazard are laid down in section 23(1) of the Penal Code (39/1889).

Section 25

Entry into force

(1) This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2003.

(2) Section 23(2) of this Decree applies as of 27 January 2003, and section 6 as well provisions of section 17 on inspections of speed limitation devices and on persons carrying out these inspections as of 9 March 2003.

Section 26

Transitional provisions

Instead of testing at idling speed on the basis of limit values for exhaust emissions referred to in section 8(2 and 3), an inspection of the on-board system referred to in section 8(5) shall apply to the following vehicles as of 1 January 2004:

- a) vehicles of category M₁ equipped with positive-ignition engines fuelled with petrol entered into service for the first time on or after 1 January 2001 with the exception of vehicles whose maximum mass is greater than 2,500 kg, and vehicles of category N₁ (I);
- b) vehicles of categories N₁ (II and III) equipped with positive-ignition engines fuelled with petrol entered into service for the first time on or after 1 January 2002 and vehicles of category M₁ whose maximum mass is greater than 2,500 kg;
- c) vehicles of category M₁ equipped with positive-ignition engines permanently or partly fuelled with liquefied petroleum gas or natural gas entered into service for the first time on or after 1 January 2004 with the exception of vehicles whose maximum mass is greater than 2,500 kg, and vehicles of category N₁ (I);
- d) vehicles of categories N₁ (II and III) equipped with positive-ignition engines permanently or partly fuelled with liquefied petroleum gas or natural gas entered into service for the first time on or after 1 January 2007 and vehicles of category M₁ whose maximum mass is greater than 2,500 kg.

The implementation provisions of Decree 1245/2002 shall read as follows:

12 June 2003/545:

This Decree enters into force on 1 August 2003.

27 November 2003/987:

This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2004.

18 December 2003/1118:

This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2004.

6 May 2004/341:

This Decree enters into force on 1 June 2004.

Provisions of this Decree on the registration certificate shall apply to extracts from the register issued before this Decree's entry into force, where appropriate, and provisions of this Decree on part I (technical part) of the registration certificate shall apply to technical parts of extracts from the register issued before this Decree's entry into force, where appropriate.