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European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval

Many of you will know that ECWVTA will be introduced for heavy trucks over the next few years as a mandatory requirement. The final date for compliance is 2014.

A brief overview of the requirements of this legislation can be found if you click on the header "NO APPROVAL, NO SALE" on the front page of the Bodybuilder Website.

We would urge you to take steps towards implementing this approval process as manufacturers will likely be selling vehicles with EC Type Approval certificates before the latest mandatory introduction dates.

If an "incomplete" vehicle is issued with an ECWVTA from the manufacturer and you intend to fit equipment/bodies to the chassis cab, you **MUST** issue your own Type Approval Certificate and Manufacturer's Plate or carry out an IVA.

Without this process being completed, the vehicle cannot be registered.

In an effort to provide support for the Transport industry, the SMMT have developed a web based system named SENTA, which takes you through the complete process to obtaining ECWVTA or any of the other Approval options.

This system is available to both SMMT members and non-members.

Details of SENTA can be found on the front page of their website: www.smmt.co.uk

Should you have any queries on the above, please contact Product Engineering on 01793 448170 or email bodybuilder@man.co.uk.

Please circulate and then retain in the Bodybuilder's Manual