

TOWCentre

Manufacturer of CAR-A-TOW Towing Frames

English

The vehicle on tow is for our personal use when the motor caravan is parked on a camp site. It will be taken back to the Netherlands when we have completed our holiday. May we respectfully inform you of the regulations when towing a car/trailer behind a motor caravan, in the Netherlands.

When attached with a fixed towing frame the car is considered to be a trailer and is subject to trailer regulations covered by the official Construction and Use Regulations by RDW. A number of EEC Directives apply to Dutch trailer regulations. A car on tow with a fixed towing device is defined as a steerable, multi-axle trailer. The general practice agreements of the EEC state:

"Provided a vehicle complies with the Construction and Use Regulations in its country of registration, no modifications have to be made when the vehicle or vehicle/trailer combination is subsequently temporarily imported into another member country".

DIRECTIVE 94/20/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 30 May 1994 relating to the mechanical coupling devices of motor vehicles and their trailers and their attachment to those vehicles

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 100a thereof,

Whereas the technical requirements which motor vehicles and their trailers must satisfy pursuant to national laws relate, inter alia, to the mechanical couplings of such vehicles;

Whereas these requirements differ from one Member State to another; whereas it is therefore necessary that all Member States adopt the same requirements either in addition to, or in place of, their existing rules in order to allow, in particular, the EEC type-approval procedure which was the subject of Council Directive 70/156/EC of 6 February 1970 on the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers (4), to be implemented;

Whereas mainly international standards (ISO) have been taken into consideration for uniform dimensions of mechanical coupling systems to ensure interchangeability of the individual vehicles forming road trains or articulated vehicles and to guarantee free movement of goods the Member States,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

For the purpose of this Directive:

- 'mechanical coupling type' means a mechanical coupling device for which type-approval of a component within the meaning of Article 2 of Directive 70/156/EEC may be granted.(AI-KO coupling)

Article 2

Member States may not refuse:

- EEC type-approval or national type-approval for a vehicle, or refuse or prohibit the sale, registration, entry into service or use of a vehicle on grounds relating to its optional equipment with mechanical coupling devices,
- EEC component type-approval or national component type-approval for a mechanical coupling, or prohibit the sale or use of a mechanical coupling device, if the requirements of the Annexes are satisfied

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