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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT (CAP. 435)

The Availability of Consumer Information on Fuel Economy and Carbondioxide Emissions in Respect of the Marketing of New Passenger Cars (Amendment) Regulations, 2006

BY virtue of the powers conferred by article 9 of the Environment Protection Act, the Minister for Rural Affairs and the Environment has made the following regulations:–

Citation and scope.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is The Availability of Consumer Information on Fuel Economy and Carbondioxide Emissions in Respect of the Marketing of New Passenger Cars (Amendment) Regulations, 2006 and they shall be read and construed as one with The Availability of Consumer Information on Fuel Economy and Carbondioxide Emissions in Respect of the Marketing of New Passenger Cars Regulations, 2002, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

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(2) These regulations implement the provisions of Commission Directive 2003/73/EC amending Annex III to Directive 1999/94/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Substitutes Annex III to the principal regulations.

2. Annex III to the principal regulations shall be substituted as follows:

"ANNEX III

DESCRIPTION OF THE POSTER/DISPLAY TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE POINT OF SALE

1. The poster or display shall have a minimum size of 70 cm x 50 cm;

2. The information shall be easy to read;

3. In a display where information is provided on an electronic screen, the screen size shall be at least 25 cm x 32 cm (17 inches). The information may be shown using scroll techniques;

4. The passenger car models are grouped and listed separately according to fuel type (e.g. petrol or diesel etc.). Within each fuel type, models are ranked in order of increasing CO_2 emissions, with the model with the lowest official fuel consumption being placed at the top of the list;

5. For each passenger car model in the list the make, the numerical value of the official fuel consumption and the official specific emissions of CO_2 shall be given. The value of the official fuel consumption shall be expressed in either litres per 100 kilometres (l/100 km), kilometres per litre (km/l), or an appropriate combination of these, and shall be quoted to one decimal place. The official specific emissions of CO_2 are quoted to the nearest whole number in grams per kilometre (g/km).

Such values may be expressed in different units (gallons and miles) to the extent compatible with the provisions of Directive 80/181/EEC.

A suggested format is shown below:

Fuel Type	Ranking	Model	CO_2 emissions	Fuel consumption
Petrol	1.			
	2.			
	....			
Diesel	1.			
	2.			
	....			

6. The poster/display shall contain the following text regarding the availability of the guide on fuel economy and CO2 emissions: "A guide on fuel economy and CO2 emissions which contains data for all new passenger car models is available at any point of sale free of charge"; in the case of a display featuring an electronic screen this message must be permanently visible;

7. The poster/display shall contain the following text: "In addition to the fuel efficiency of a car, driving behaviour as well as other non-technical factors play a role in

determining a car's fuel consumption and CO_2 emissions. CO_2 is the main greenhouse gas responsible for global warming"; in the case of a display featuring an electronic screen this message must be permanently visible;

8. The poster/display shall be updated at least every six months. Where an electronic display is used, the information shall be updated at least every three months;

9. The poster/display shall be substituted completely and permanently by an electronic screen. In this case the electronic screen shall be presented in such a way that it attracts the awareness of the consumer at least with the same intensity as a poster/display would have achieved.".