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Tractors

Formal reference	
2009/63/EC (OJ L 214 19.8.2009) Proposed 6.11.2006 – COM(2006)662	Directive relating to certain parts and characteristics of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors
Legal base	Article 114 TFEU (originally Article 95 TEC Treaty)
Binding dates Entry into force Formal compliance	18 September 2009 01 January 2010

Note: Directive 2009/63/EC repealed Directive 74/151/EEC and its amendments.

Purpose of the Directive

Directive 2009/63/EC aims to prevent the creation of barriers to trade in tractors within the single market. It codifies and clarifies the previous [Directive 74/151/EEC](#) and its amendments.

Summary of the Directive

Directive 2009/63/EC is restricted to two-axle agricultural or forestry tractors with pneumatic tyres and a maximum design speed between 6 and 40 km/h. No Member State may prohibit the sale or use of tractors or may refuse to grant EEC-type approval or national-type approval if these satisfy the requirements set out in the Annexes on grounds relating to:

- maximum laden weight;
- the location of rear registration plates;
- fuel tanks;
- ballast weight;
- audible warning devices;
- noise levels and exhaust system (silencer).

Provision is made for adapting the Annexes to technical progress with the exception of the noise limits. The Annexes relate to the various technical requirements listed above and only Annex VI is concerned with noise limits and a method of measuring noise. The noise limits are as follows:

- unladen weight greater than 1.5 tonnes, 89 dB(A);
- unladen weight not exceeding 1.5 tonnes, 85 dB(A).

Development of the Directive

The Directive is the codified version of Directive 74/151/EEC that was originally proposed in 1967. Directive 74/151/EEC was introduced as part of an EEC-type approval procedure for tractors set out in a separate [Directive 74/150/EEC](#). It was concerned with a number of technical characteristics, such as maximum weight, in addition to noise levels and silencers, and applied to tractors which were fitted with pneumatic tyres, had two axles and a design speed between 6 and 25 km/h. [Directive 82/890/EEC](#) extended the provisions of 74/150/EEC to tractors with more than two axles, and with a maximum design speed of 30 km/h. [Directive 97/54/EC](#) extended the design speed range further to include tractors designed for speeds of up to 40 km/h. Directive 2009/63/EC addresses noise from vehicles, but there is also legislation that addresses the level of noise as perceived by the driver. This is based on [Directive 77/311/EEC](#), which is also part of the EEC-type approval procedure of Directive 74/150/EEC.

Implementation

Directive 2009/63/EC had to be fully transposed by the Member States by 01 January 2010. Information on Member States transposition status can be found in their national [execution measures](#).

Enforcement and court cases

No case relating to Directive 2009/63/EC has reached the European Court of Justice. In addition no case relating to the later Directive 74/151/EEC has been brought before the European Court of Justice.

Related legislation

Directive 2009/63/EC has a strong interaction with the legislation concerning noise emissions from cars, buses, lorries and motorcycles:

- [Directive 70/157/EEC](#) on noise emissions from motor vehicles.
- [Directive 92/23/EEC](#) relating to tyres for motor vehicles and their trailers, and to their fitting
- [Directive 97/24/EC](#) relating to motorcycles.