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Dear Consultee,

Consultation on a Proposed European Commission Regulation on the type approval and market surveillance of 2 and 3-wheeled vehicles and quadricycles.

I am writing to seek your views on a European Commission proposal to revise the type approval regime for 2- and 3-wheeled vehicles and quadricycles and on the Government's negotiating stage Impact Assessment (IA). The views of vehicle manufacturers, component suppliers, environmental organisations and vehicle users are particularly sought.

The Commission proposal lays down the legal framework for the type approval and market surveillance of two and three wheelers and quadricycles, it will replace the existing approval framework Directive, 2002/24/EC, and its separate daughter Directives. The proposal focuses on:

- simplifying and improving the type approval process;
- improving safety;
- reducing environmental impacts;
- access to repair and maintenance information and;
- procedures for market surveillance.

The consultation period started on 5 September and will run for a period of 8 weeks. However in view of the fact that EU negotiations on this proposal are on-going, early responses would be welcomed. Responses and enquiries should be sent to the above postal or e-mail address to arrive no later than 28 October 2011.

According to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), all information contained in your response to this consultation may be subject to publication or disclosure. This may include personal information such as your name and address. If you want your

response or your name and address to remain confidential, you should explain why confidentiality is necessary. Your request will be granted only if it is consistent with Freedom of Information obligations. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your e-mail system will not be regarded as binding on the Department.

A summary of the consultation will be published on the DfT website after the consultation period ends, paper copies will be available on request.

If you have any suggestions of others who may wish to be involved in the consultation process please let us know.

This consultation has been produced in accordance with the principles of the Government's 'Code of Practice on Consultation'. A copy of the consultation criteria is included at the end of the Consultation Document.

Yours Faithfully,

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