

## Information about the EC WVTA – Multi-Stage Cooperation Agreement

### Background

Directive 2007/46/EC, Annex XVII, requires for multi-stage EC type-approval that “..suitable arrangements exist between the relevant manufacturers for the supply and interchange of documents and information such that the completed vehicle type meets the technical requirements of all the relevant regulatory acts as prescribed in Annex IV or Annex XI.” See also text copied from above mentioned Directive:

#### *Annex XVII*

##### *1 General*

- 1.1 The satisfactory operation of the process of the multi-stage EC type-approval requires joint action by all the manufacturers. To this end approval authorities must ensure, before granting first and subsequent stage approval, that suitable arrangements exist between the relevant manufacturers for the supply and interchange of documents and information such that the completed vehicle type meets the technical requirements of all the relevant regulatory acts as prescribed in Annex IV or Annex XI. Such information must include details of relevant system, component and separate technical unit approvals and of vehicle parts which form part of the incomplete vehicle but are not yet approved*
- 1.2 EC type-approvals in accordance with this Annex are granted on the basis of the current state of completion of the vehicle type and must incorporate all approvals granted at earlier stages.*
- 1.3 Each manufacturer in a multi-stage EC type-approval process is responsible for the approval and conformity of production of all systems, components or separate technical units manufactured by him or added by him to the previously built stage. He is not responsible for subjects which have not been approved in an earlier stage except in those cases where he modifies relevant parts to an extent that the previously granted approval becomes invalid.*

This is the reason for the Multi-Stage Cooperation Agreement set up between Scania and affected bodybuilders for EC Whole Vehicle Type Approval according to Directive 2007/46/EC.



# SCANIA

## Issuing of Multi-Stage Cooperation Agreement

1. The Scania distributor in the home country of the bodybuilder makes judgment and decides whether or not a bodybuilder qualifies for signing of Multistage Cooperation Agreement with Scania CV AB. The judgment should among other things include that they have a valid compliance statement for COP. A list of approved technical services for issuing COP test reports can be found here:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/DocsRoom/documents?tags=technical-serviceauto&pageSize=30&sortCol=title&sortOrder=asc>
2. If the bodybuilder qualifies for signing of an agreement (see point 1), then Scania's template, for Multi-Stage Cooperation Agreement (Directive 2007/46/EC Annex XVII), should be signed. For template of agreement see appendix. The agreement is first signed in two originals by the bodybuilder and then these are sent to Type Approval Support (YDRA, by 101, Scania CV AB, SE-151 85 Södertälje Sweden) as standard letter for signing and a copy of a valid COP compliance statement as well.
3. When the two originals of the agreement are signed, one original is sent back to the bodybuilder.