

## EU ISSUES UPDATE

### AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2016



#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIALOGUE

##### **FIVA meeting with Cabinet of European Commissioner Violeta Bulc – DG MOVE**

On 9 September, a FIVA delegation met with Jocelyn Fajardo and Alisa Tiganj, both members of Commissioner Violeta Bulc's Cabinet. Commissioner Bulc leads DG MOVE which is responsible for European Commission policy on mobility and transport.

During the 45 minute meeting, the delegation first explained FIVA, FIVA's objectives and actions, and the cultural and economic value of the preservation and use of historic vehicles. They then had a constructive dialogue with the Cabinet members about historic vehicle use within the context of the DG MOVE's policy motivations and current initiatives. The meeting was timely because DG MOVE has recently published a document detailing its strategy for low-emission mobility (see July EU issues update) which takes a holistic view of measures to better manage mobility using pricing and technological tools. FIVA therefore stressed that historic vehicles are different and distinct from all other road vehicles because of their cultural value and because of their use patterns, and that they therefore merit special treatment in these policy discussions to ensure that motoring heritage is not lost and the economic activity associated with the heritage is maintained. The Cabinet members were also keen for FIVA to again participate in the European Commission's Road Safety Charter and welcomed FIVA's suggestion that it draft a "Code of Safe and Responsible Use of Historic Vehicles".

Action: FIVA will consider favourably the suggestion to draft a "Code of Safe and Responsible Use of Historic Vehicles" which can be an amalgamation of the existing Drivers' and Environmental Guide and will work on a document with a view to distribution to members and clubs during 2017.

##### **Internal Market Committee agrees its report on the proposed revision of the Firearms Directive for the European Parliament**

On 13 July, the EPs' IMCO Committee adopted its report on the European Commission's proposal to amend the Firearms Directive. The adopted Report was published in August and confirmed the expectation that the Committee adopted all the compromise amendments which were designed to resolve the concerns of collectors – including collectors of historic military vehicles with deactivated weapons. FIVA will need to continue pressure on the Parliament and the Member States in Council to ensure these changes remain in the eventually adopted Directive.

Action: The Legislation Commission will provide ANFs with material to present to their MEPs and Governments in advance of the next stage discussions in the Council and the vote in Parliament in late November.

### **FIVA makes submission to European Commission consultation on ICT**

FIVA made a submission to a European Commission consultation on its Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS) initiative. In its response, FIVA stressed that technological advancement must not be pursued in such a manner that only ITS-compliant vehicles will be allowed on, or be able to use, public roads.

### **FIVA makes submission to European Commission consultation on ELV**

FIVA made a submission to a European Commission Consultation on the “whereabouts” of End-of-life-vehicles. In its response, FIVA stressed that an unused vehicle should only be treated as “waste” once the owner decides that he/she no longer wants the vehicle and does not intend to sell/give the vehicle to a third party, and that the principle also applies to a de-registered vehicle and to parts and spares.

### **European Commission Low-Emission mobility Strategy**

As reported in the July EU issues update, the European Commission published a policy paper for a “low-emission mobility” strategy which has the objective to continue to improve air quality, reduce noise levels, lower congestion and improve safety. In the European Parliament, the Transport Committee will now lead the scrutiny of the strategy and Dutch Green Group MEP Bas Eickhout has been given the task of drafting the Committee report.

Action: FIVA will seek a meeting with Mr Eickhout.

### **FIVA to make submissions to European Commission consultations on emissions of passenger cars and light vans, the eurovignette and road tolling**

FIVA will submit a set of comments to three consultations related to the low-emission mobility strategy: on the emission performance of cars and light vans beyond 2020; on the eurovignette; and road tolling. While none are directly relevant to FIVA, address issues which are potentially of interest to FIVA as they seek general comment on vehicle and road use taxation with a view to determining an approach based on the “polluter pays” concept which could be realised via a range of systems. This is of interest to FIVA given the wide array of tax systems applicable to historic vehicles, the increasing use of LEZs and the possibility of increased use of general road tolling. FIVA will express its view that historic vehicles need to be treated as distinct to all other vehicles when policy is being developed on road use pricing and taxation to prevent historic vehicles being unfairly and unnecessarily prevented or deterred from being used and so to ensure that motoring heritage is preserved.

### **European Chemicals Agency’s Risk Assessment decision on chromium trioxide**

In September, the European Chemicals Agency’s Risk Assessment and Socio-Economic Analysis Committees decided that the use of chromium trioxide is justified for six uses, including functional chrome plating, formulation of mixtures and surface treatment for various industries including aeronautics, aerospace, automotive and metal manufacturing. The decision includes the condition that the situation is reviewed more frequently than requested (by the consortium of chromium trioxide manufacturers and importers which made the application) in order to manage risk control. In parallel, the European Chemicals Agency is still expected to present a simplified application procedure for use of substances of high concern if they are to be used in

low volumes or for legacy parts (i.e. which would include for renovation/maintenance of historic vehicles). FIVA is expected to be consulted during the preparation of the procedure.

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The FIVA Legislation Commission members are: Tiddo Bresters (Chairman), Claude Delagneau, Wolfgang Eckel, Peter Edqvist, Carla Fiocchi, Lars Genild, Adalberto Gueli, Peeter Henning, Johann König, Stanislav Minářík, Bob Owen, Christos Petridis and Andrew Turner of EPPA works with the Committee.