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Dear Mr Willigers,

Thank you for your letter of 21st May 2019 about Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) for motorcycles.

You mention some information circulating in the media to the effect that Intelligent Speed Assistance will be required for motorcycles. This is certainly not true. As you are aware, motorcycles are not within the scope of the General Safety Regulation and the Pedestrian Safety Regulation. Safety requirements for L-category vehicles, including motorcycles, are established in a separate regulation¹

In order to modify or upgrade these requirements for L-category vehicles, Regulation (EU) No 168/2013 must be amended. Such an amendment requires the agreement on a Commission's proposal of the European Parliament and the Council, i.e. a co-decision procedure.

Even if the Commission were eventually to make a proposal making ISA systems mandatory for motorcycles, this would require an impact assessment and a cost-benefit analysis. This evaluation would take into account the specificities and needs of these vehicles and the paramount need for the safety of riders, as for all road users, as well as the results of a full public consultation and stakeholder engagement. The views of

¹ Regulation (EU) No 168/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 on the approval and market surveillance of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles Text with EEA relevance. OJ L 60, 2.3.2013, p. 52–128

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motorcyclists would of course be fully taken into account in any such consultation and legislative process.

In any case, I can reassure you that there are currently no plans to amend the applicable technical requirements for the type-approval of motorcycles. The Commission is due to report to the European Parliament and to the Council on its implementation by the end of 2021, in particular on the need of an EU type-approval of small series. Based on this report, the Commission could decide to propose a review of Regulation (EU) No 168/2013, but I can only tell you that at this stage, we have no plans to do so.

Thanks again for writing. I hope this reply is helpful and sufficiently reassuring.

Yours sincerely,

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