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To whom it concerns,

As a result of Brexit, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement with Ireland and the UK as regards National approval is no longer valid. Irish National legislation (Statutory Instrument 556 of 2020) has introduced further updates to National legislation which shall apply from 1/1/2022 (updated rear under run requirements to R58-03, Bus and Coach requirements to R107-07 etc).

As a result of this, NSAI shall introduce the following changes to apply in 2022.

Manufacturers/body builders based in Northern Ireland

These manufacturers/body builders can apply to NSAI to become an Approved Vehicle Body builder (AVBB) and submit direct applications to NSAI. Further information can be found on the [NSAI website](#) as to this application process.

Summary of this process:

- Northern Ireland based manufacturers/body builders can apply to AVBB scheme
- NSAI carry out audit of facilities
- Once on the AVBB register, direct submission to NSAI for IVA applications
- Same pricing structure as for manufacturers/body builders based in Republic of Ireland shall apply

Manufacturers/body builders based in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) and any other "third country"¹

The AVBB scheme is not open to manufacturers/body builders based in the above regions. Importers of vehicles from these manufacturer/bodybuilders shall be required to submit the following:

- Manufacturer/body builder must have a certified Quality System i.e. ISO 9001 or equivalent with appropriate scope
- Submission of full technical file relevant to the vehicle build (EU approvals for all stages)
- Importers must adhere to "obligation of importers" as per relevant articles of 2018/858/EU
- New pricing structure applies for these applications
- New application form for IVA submission

NSAI strongly advises to contact them in advance of submission of new vehicle approval applications in the new year to ensure that the application meets the updated requirements as above. Contact should be made at the earliest stage of process i.e. "pre order confirmation" to ensure that the application can be processed.

Any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us at stephanie.flood@nsai.ie or info@nsai.ie

¹ Non EU member state country

