

**Ordinance  
on measures to reduce particle emissions  
from diesel engines  
(ORPD)**

dated DD.MM.2006

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based on Article 8 of the Swiss Federal Road Traffic Act dated 19 December 1958<sup>1</sup>,  
and Article 12, paragraph 2 of the Swiss Federal Law on the Protection of the  
Environment dated 7 October 1983<sup>2</sup>,

*herewith decrees:*

**Article 1** Purpose and scope of application

<sup>1</sup> This Ordinance shall apply to the following vehicles equipped with compression-ignition engines:

- a. Cars and mini-buses in categories M<sub>1</sub> and M<sub>2</sub> with a total weight of up to 3.5 tonnes in accordance with the Federal Ordinance relating to Technical Requirements for Road Vehicles (VTS) dated 19 June 1995<sup>3</sup>;
- b. Commercial vehicles in category N<sub>1</sub> in accordance with VTS;
- c. Tractors in accordance with VTS with an output greater than 37 kW;
- d. Motor carts in accordance with VTS with an output greater than 37 kW.

<sup>2</sup> This Ordinance shall complete the requirements on the construction and equipping of motor vehicles in accordance with VTS and the following two ordinances dated 19 June 1995: Federal Ordinance relating to Technical Requirements for Motorised Transport Vehicles and their Trailers<sup>4</sup>, and Federal Ordinance relating to Technical Requirements for Tractors and their Trailers<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> SR 741.01

<sup>2</sup> SR 814.01

<sup>3</sup> SR 741.41

<sup>4</sup> SR 741.412

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**Article 2** Emission thresholds for particles

<sup>1</sup> New vehicles equipped with compression-ignition engines may only be imported into or manufactured in Switzerland if they comply with the following emission limit values for particles:

- a. Cars, mini-buses and commercial vehicles: 5 mg/km<sup>6</sup>
- b. Tractors and motor carts with an output greater than 37 kW: 0.025 g/kWh<sup>7</sup>

<sup>2</sup> For the determination of particle mass in accordance with paragraphs 1a and 1b, the measurement procedures specified in 70/220/EEC<sup>8</sup> and 2005/13/EC shall apply respectively.

**Article 3** Entry into force

<sup>1</sup> This Ordinance shall enter into force on 1 March 2007, subject to paragraph 2.

<sup>2</sup> Article 2, paragraph 1b shall enter into force on 1 January 2009.

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<sup>7</sup> This corresponds to section IIIB of “Directive 2000/25 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2000 on action to be taken against the emission of gaseous and particulate pollutants by engines intended to power agricultural or forestry tractors and amending Council Directive 74/150/EEC (OJ no. L 173 dated 12 July 2000, page 1), amended by Directive 2005/13/EC (OJ no. L 55 dated 1 March 2005, page 35)”.

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