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Submission – The European Commission’s proposal regarding a new block exemption and sector-specific guidelines for the automotive sector

— With reference to your call for submissions, please find below a simple statement on behalf of our members.

In addition, FIGIEFA International Federation of Automotive Aftermarket, Brussels will submit a more comprehensive reply directly to the European Commission.

FIGIEFA has 26 national members from 23 countries throughout the world. Established in 1956, FIGIEFA is working to protect free competition in the aftermarket.

The Norwegian Association of Importers of Spare Parts, Accessories and Garage Equipment supports the statements FIGIEFA will present to the European Commission. Their submission is currently being prepared and will be presented to the Norwegian Competition Authority as soon as it is ready.

The Norwegian Association of Importers of Spare Parts, Accessories and Garage Equipment would like to point out that it welcomes the proposed group block exemption for the free industry from 1 June 2010.

We refer otherwise to our reply to you 15 September 2009, reference 2008/302 MAB RUWI 474.1, but would like to include an additional comment.

1) Access to captive parts must be included in the document. These types of parts must also be made available to the free aftermarket.

We look forward to a new block exemption for the free aftermarket that will secure free and effective competition. The new group exception must also be accompanied by good guidelines, so that the market is able to function in the best interests of everyone involved. This will guarantee consumer rights and opportunities.

Yours faithfully

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