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Country	Front (forward B-Pillar)	Back (behind B Pillar)	EWFA Action
Austria	<p>AUTHORISED: - Front side windows clear safety films with a light transmission of 95%. As of April/May 2004, the legislation will be amended to set the light transmission at 85%. - Sunroofs</p> <p>NOT AUTHORISED - Windscreen</p>	<p>Limited to 20% VLT so long as window is not marked with a V symbol. In such case only a clear safety film is applicable.</p>	<p>Seek to have this 20% VLT restriction removed and reduce the VLT of safety films from 95% to 87-88% which is more realistic (in terms of what the industry can produce).</p>
Belgium	<p>AUTHORISED: Provided that the VLT is higher than 70% (this needs to be certified by the Glass Institute).</p> <p>NOT AUTHORISED: On M1 vehicles (except for window films installed prior to 30 April 2003).</p>	<p>AUTHORISED: Back-side windows and rear window without limits of VLT. In the case of the back windscreen, the car must be equipped with at least one rear-view mirror in the side opposite the driver.</p>	
Czech Rep	<p>AUTHORISED: Front-side windows provided that the sum of the VLT (window + film) is equal or higher than 70%. Safety or combined films have to be certified, same VLT regulation (i.e. clear films can be applied to front side windows).</p> <p>NOT AUTHORISED: Front window (windshield)</p>	<p>AUTHORISED: Back-side windows and rear window without limits of VLT. Provided that the film is certified.</p>	

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Denmark	AUTHORISED: - Windscreen: minimum 75% VLT. - Front side windows: minimum 70% VLT.	New regulation limits VLT to 40% behind the B-pillar since April 2001 (formerly 70%).	The EWFA has had extensive contacts with the Danish authorities to raise the issue of limiting the VLT to 40% behind the B-pillar. The Danish authorities responded that -for many reasons- they did not see the need to withdraw the current requirements. Considering the above, the EWFA filed an official complaint with the European Commission against Denmark, on 27 December 2002 for failure to comply with Community Law in the area of window films on vehicles. The complaint has been registered under the following number: 2003/4152 (Denmark) SG(2003) A/677/2. Commission has drafted a letter to be sent on 30 march 2004. Denmark has two months to reply.
Estonia	ABG-type system (see attached ABG Standard)	ABG-type system (see attached ABG Standard)	-
Finland	AUTHORISED: - Windscreen: minimum 75% VLT. - Front side windows: minimum 70% VLT.	AUTHORISED: Back windscreen: VLT 70% for (M1, M1G-, N1-tai N1G vehicles) provided that there are front mirrors providing sufficient visibility to the rear. If a rear break light, as a compulsory device, has been installed to the back window of the car, it may not be covered with a tinted film.	
France	NOT AUTHORISED: - Windscreen: except for a banner of max. 10 cm at the top, uniform dark tint, for solar protection and small informative labels - Front side windows Films need to be homologated in an appointed laboratory. Applies UN-ECE R43.	AUTHORISED Backside windows and rear window authorised for solar protection only provided that the car is equipped with two side mirrors. Films need to be homologated in an appointed laboratory. Applies UN-ECE R43.	

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Germany	ABG-type system	ABG-type system	-
Greece	The current law states that the transparent parts of a vehicle have to ensure that driver and passengers are visible at all times. It seems that dark tints are prohibited.	The current law states that the transparent parts of a vehicle have to ensure that driver and passengers are visible at all times. It seems that dark tints are prohibited.	The EWFA is currently looking into this situation and will, should the need be confirmed establish contacts again with the Greek authorities
Hungary	AUTHORISED: - Windscreen : minimum 75% VLT. - Front side windows : minimum 70% VLT - Windscreen + front side windows : clear safety films and high UV films that have been homologated by the Hungarian authorities can be used with a VLT of 75%.	AUTHORISED: - Back side windows : minimum 70% VLT (passenger cars) - Back-side windows and rear window without limits of VLT (non-passenger cars) - Windscreen + back side windows : clear safety films and high UV films that have been homologated by the Hungarian authorities can be used with a VLT of 75% NOT AUTHORISED: - Back windshield	The EWFA has established contacts with the Hungarian authorities with regards to the regulation on rear windows.
Italy	NOT AUTHORISED	AUTHORISED: Back rear and side-window with no VLT limitation provided that the car is equipped with rear-view mirrors on each side. Italy will soon accept ABG certified films (with a translation)	The EWFA has maintained numerous contacts with Italy and has managed to have a new Ministerial Order be adopted in May 2002 as a consequence of the information it has provided (notably re free circulation of goods). Prior to that, there were no uniform rules regulating the use of window films, which were de facto prohibited due to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 6 of Article 71 of the Italian <i>Codice della strada</i> , which did not allow changes to vehicle components. Window films were thus not explicitly forbidden, but rather indirectly forbidden due to the lack of clear legislation regulating the sector.
Latvia	ABG-type system (see attached ABG Standard)	ABG-type system (see attached ABG Standard)	-

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Lithuania	Will resort to an ABG-type system after accession	Will resort to an ABG-type system after accession	-
Luxembourg	NOT AUTHORISED	AUTHORISED (solar films): Back-side windows without limits of VLT. Rear window without limits of VLT provided that the car is equipped with a rear-view mirror on the right-hand side.	-
Netherlands	NOT AUTHORISED	AUTHORISED: Back-side windows and rear window without limits of VLT. Provided that the car is equipped with a rear-view mirror on the right-hand side.	
Portugal	Automotive safety glass are authorised according to Regulation 43, however, after-market window films are not. So, window films are not permitted under the Portuguese law. According to the Portuguese Decree of approvals, this includes all windows, even those rear of the B-pillar. However since the actual wording of the decree does not specifically refer to window film, their position is only one interpretation of the law.	NOT AUTHORISED	The EWFA has filed a complaint against Portugal on 16 January 2002. An EWFA meeting with Commission responsible established that there is restriction of trade activities. Commission to write to Portugal and confirm the infringement of free circulation of goods and urge withdrawal of the regulation. If Portugal fails to comply, the European Commission will bring the case before the European Court of First Instance.
Poland	AUTHORISED: - Windshield : 75% VLT - Side window : 70% VLT No films approved abroad are accepted in Poland	AUTHORISED: Back-side windows and rear window without limits of VLT. Reflective films are forbidden. No films approved abroad are accepted in Poland	Establish contacts with Polish authorities to ensure that films tested and approved in other countries can be commercialised in Poland.
Slovakia	Same VLT values as in Czech Republic	Same VLT values as in Czech Republic	-
Slovenia	Pending Regulation	Pending Regulation	The EWFA closely monitors the developments in Slovenia and has already had a couple of meetings. Slovenia is in the process of developing an after-market specific legislation.

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Spain	NOT AUTHORISED	AUTHORISED Back-side windows and rear window without limits of VLT. Provided that the car is equipped with two side mirrors.	The Spanish window film industry has filed complaints with the European Commission for non-respect of free circulation of window film products without restrictions within the regulatory boundaries of the European Union. The Spanish government subsequently issued a Ministerial Order (June 6th 2001) setting the technical conditions and testing requirements that films need to comply with in order to be authorised in Spain. So far, no manufacturer or importer has been able to certify any of their products, as samples of the automotive glass required for testing by the Ministerial Order are impossible to be found on the Spanish market. The EWFA has subsequently filed a complaint against Spain (ref. 2003/4296) and has provided the European Commission with arguments detailing why the tests imposed by the Ministerial Order are not realistic and go against the interest of the whole industry.
Sweden	AUTHORISED: Windows, including tinted coatings or film shall, in the drivers field of vision have a visible light transmission in both directions of minimum 75% for the windscreen and minimum 70% for the other windows.	AUTHORISED: Windows, including tinted coatings or film shall, in the drivers field of vision have a visible light transmission in both directions of minimum 75% for the windscreen and minimum 70% for the other windows.	-
UK	AUTHORISED: - Windshield: 75% VLT for front screens - " <i>all other windows within the visual zone - forward of the B-Post</i> ": 70% VLT	AUTHORISED Back-side windows and rear window without limits of VLT.	